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Leaders Urge U.S. Jews To Reorganize Communal Life Toward One United Body

The American Jewish Congress was told in Philadelphia, Pa., that the time had arrived for American Jewish organizations to consolidate their strivings for common goals. Dr. Joachim Prins, president of the Congress, also urged a reorganization of Jewish life in America to preserve "Jewish peoplehood," strengthen ties with Israel, and promote full equality for all Americans.

It was imperative, he declared, that "personal and organizational vanities" be set aside to bring about the realignment and consolidation necessary to meet the needs of tomorrow's Jewish generation, reports the New York Times. Otherwise, he said, it will be impossible "to develop the will, the vitality and the instruments necessary to assure the creative survival of the United States Jewish community."

Dr. Prins deplored a lack of "constructive contacts" between American Jews and the people of Israel and denounced what he called a growing indifference toward Jewish identification and an increasing ignorance of Jewish values. These tendencies, he said, threaten the continuity of Jewish life.

He warned that "neither philanthropy nor party affiliation nor tourism can create a normal and healthy relationship between the Jews of the United States and the people of Israel. "Israel must be supported and safeguarded not merely because it provides a haven for refugees or because of fraternal sympathies with its people, but, because it constitutes the keystone in the arch of Jewish survival," he asserted.

Jews throughout the world, he [illegible] common hopes, prob-lems and values. Therefore, he added, they have not only the right but the responsibility to maintain a unity through which they may share in solving common problems and promote common causes.

"Not merely the problems of the Jewish people around the world but their rights, their creativity, their very life — these must become an integral part of the concern of the American Jewish community," he declared, says the New York Times. "Toward this and the creation of a consolidated American Jewish movement committed to the idea of Jewish peoplehood is vital."

Dr. Prins defined Jewish peoplehood as including the idea of a Jewish state in Israel as well as "thriving Jewish communities politically loyal to their own countries of citizenship." He added that Jewish peoplehood embraced "the religious Jew and the agnostic, the active, and the passive Jew."

He urged all American Jews to continue to battle for civil rights and civil liberties of all Americans.

Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, and Dr. Israel Goldstein, honorary president of the American Jewish Congress, also urged united Jewish action.

Dr. Goldmann declared that "the lack of a common platform where the great problems and policies of the American Jewish community could be aired is preventing American Jewry from effectively playing its leading role in world Jewish affairs."

Dr. Goldstein said that there was a need for the American

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Israeli Invention By Russian Refugee Can Exact Salt From Sea Water Cheaply

Israel has an invention designed to transform the oceans into limitless clean reservoirs of water fit for human consumption and agriculture. The Government is completing a pilot plant that utilizes a new process — freezing sea water and then melting it — that was invented in Leningrad and perfected in Tel Aviv by a refugee engineer from the Soviet Union, Alexander Zarchin, says the New York Times. It is based on the fact that ice formed by freezing sea water is free of minerals.

Mr. Zarchin is unable to recall how he happened to think of the freezing method in the first place. He assumes that the thought grew out of widespread discussions about polar exploration in 1933, when the Red Army gave him the problem. Newspapers reported at that time that the explorers would supply themselves with clear water by melting polar ice.

Mr. Zarchin had been a research assistant at the Leningrad Technical Institute. He was assigned to examine an Austrian machine for the distillation of water by electro-osmosis and to report on the practicability of adopting it for desalting brackish water. He reported that the method was too expensive, and he recommended freezing.

After a year's work he developed a machine, which was mounted on a truck and put into operation as a mobile desalinator. The Soviet Government awarded a prize to the inventor. Shortly afterward, he was arrested for "Zionism," which is a criminal offense in the Soviet Union. He was sentenced to the asphalt mines west of the Ural Mountains for five years. In prison, he invented a method for the extraction of lacquer from bitumin.

After his release in 1939, he lived in Moscow illegally because the terms of his release barred him from forty-eight cities, says the New York Times. When the Soviet Union entered the war against Germany in 1941, he served in a labor battalion near Leningrad.

He became ill and was evacuated to Tashkent. There he bought the passport of a dead Polish refugee. With that document he left the Soviet Union after World War II and reached the displaced-persons camps in Germany. He arrived in Israel in 1947.

Actually, the new process is older than the 63-year-old inventor, Alexander Zarchin. On the Siberian coast, the Russians have long been cutting blocks of ice from the frozen Sea of Japan and carting them to a reservoir on a mountain top. In the summer, the molten ice has been flowing down to the city of Vladivostok to supply the populace and the ships in the harbor with clear water.

Mr. Zarchin's invention is designed to achieve artificially on the semi-tropical shores of the Mediterranean what nature has been doing on the frigid coast of the Sea of Japan. By conventional means, it requires thirty-five kilowatt-hours of energy to freeze one ton of water.

Mr. Zarchin says that the desalination of a ton of water by his method will require only three or three and a half kilowatt-hours of energy. However, even if it takes as many as six kilowatt-hours it will still be worthwhile for a country like Israel, which pays heavily for her water supply.

The inventor hit upon his idea in 1953 when he was assigned by the Red Army to study the problem of water supply for troops in the Turkmenistan area, where the water is brackish, says the New York Times. He designed machines in which water was frozen by evaporation and then melted. His Israeli invention is a great improvement, for it provides for a continuous process of freezing and melting.

As explained by the inventor, it works in this manner:

Water is pumped from the sea and sprayed at almost no pressure into a vacuum tank. Because there is no air pressure in the tank to hold the water's molecules together, the water begins to evaporate. This causes the temperature to drop below the freezing point, and part of the water freezes as it drops.

Thus the sea water spraying into the tank is divided partly into vapor, which floats to the top, and into ice crystals and brine, which fall to the bottom. The mixture of ice and brine is pumped from the tank to a conveyor belt. The brine, in which all the salt is concentrated, seeps through the belt and is drained back into the sea. The ice crystals are conveyed by the belt to another vessel.

Meanwhile, the vapor at the top of the tank is constantly siphoned out to maintain the state of vacuum. It is piped to the second vessel, where it meets the ice crystals again, says the New York Times. The vapor restores the latent heat to the ice and causes it to melt.

Rabbi Reports Soviet More Hostile To Jews Than Iron Curtain Lands

There is "overt hostility" toward all religions in the Soviet Union, but not in the satellite countries, the Rev. Dr. Harold H. Gordon, executive secretary of the New York Board of Rabbis, said on his recent return from a third visit to countries behind the Iron Curtain. Dr. Gordon declared that despite "the cold and official diplomatic relations with Israel," the Soviet Union "actually is in a state of war with Israel" and "Zionism is taboo in Soviet Russia."

The rabbi spoke to Congregation Rodeph Sholom, 7 West Eighty-third Street, says the New York Times. Comparing the religious life and activities of some 3,000,000 Jews in the Soviet Union with those of about 1,000,000 in the satellite nations, he cited these statistics:

For 10,000 Jews in Budapest there are sixteen synagogues, in contrast to only one large synagogue and two small ones in Moscow, where there are 400,000 Jews. For some 35,000 Jews in Poland there are still many active Synagogues in Warsaw and other cities, as compared with only one synagogue in Leningrad, where half a million Jews reside.

Dr. Gordon asserted that "while the Kremlin left no doubt about its hostility toward religion, the Governments of Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia agreed not to wage an open warfare between the state and the religions."

Nevertheless, he cautioned, "the position of the Hungarian Government toward Jews is the same as that of the Soviet Government. Both are convinced that Communism and the state will win over religions," he said.

He reported that most of the former synagogues and churches in the Soviet had been converted into apartment houses, factories, and many "museums of atheism," to depict the harmful effects of religions.

"In Russia only in officially approved synagogues may one identify himself with Jews, and these places may be used solely for prayer," he went on, says the New York Times. "God help those who would like to use it for anything else."

Yet in Hungary and in Poland, he said, he found camps operated by practicing Jews where children read the Bible and the Torah and received fundamentals of the Jewish tradition.

Union Asks Jews To Help Solve Arab Refugee Problem

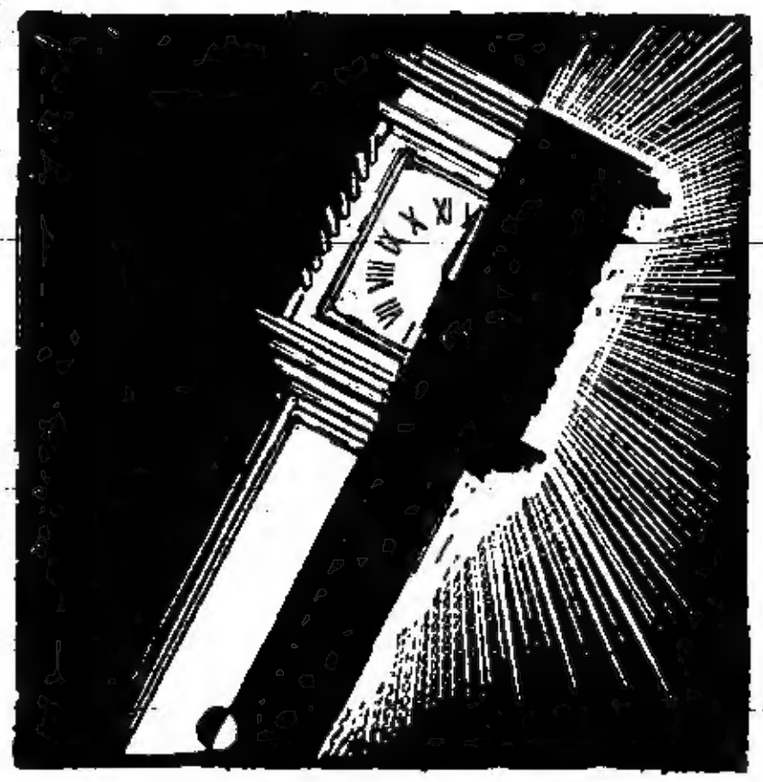
The Union of American Hebrew Congregations appealed to American Jews to work with their religious groups in giving moral and financial support toward solving the Arab refugee problem in the Middle East. The appeal was made by the Union's commission on social action of Reform Judaism in a pamphlet entitled "As Driven Sands; The Arab Refugees", says the New York Times. The Union represents 565 Reform congregations with a membership of more than 1,000,000.

I. Cyrus Gordon, chairman of the commission, called upon synagogue groups to "apply the ethical principles of our religious heritage to study and act on one of the grave moral problems of our time."

The pamphlet noted that "Israel, the Arab nations, and the world community owe much to the Arab refugees; they are tragic victims of a changing world."

"We who are part of the world community, Jews and non-Jews alike, must support such a fund, if and when it is established," the pamphlet continued. "Israel's moral obligation will only be met when the refugees receive adequate financial compensation for the losses they have suffered."

The pamphlet was prepared by Rabbi Balfour Brickner, leader of Temple Sinai, in Washington, D.C., the son of the late Rabbi Barnett Brickner, of Cleveland, Ohio, and a former leader of Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto. An introduction was written by Dean Francis B. Sayer Jr., of Washington Cathedral.



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Social Notes — Montreal

Dr. Solomon Frank, 5560 Campden Place, Rabbi of the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, was in Buffalo, N. Y., for the funeral of his father, Abraham H. Frank.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rubinstein, 4610 Bessborough Avenue, are spending some time in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mrs. Samuel S. Rolbin, 4711 Lacombe Avenue, is spending some time in Miami Beach, Florida.

Here for the marriage of Miss Lillian Hershenfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hershenfield, 4772 Bouchette Street, to Mark Zunder, son of Mrs. Bessie Zunder, of Ottawa, Ont., and the late Isaac Zunder, on January 11, at Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehuda Synagogue and Shaare Tefillah, will be his mother; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Zunder and son, Allan; Mr. and Mrs. Israel Zunder, Reverend and Mrs. N. Borenstein, Mr. and Mrs. J. Cogan, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. M. Dain, Sydney Dain, Mr. and Mrs. N. Diener, Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Bordnoff, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lieff, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Roodman, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bordnoff, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Slipacoff, Mr. and Mrs. N. Steinman, Mr. and Mrs. P. Swedko, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abelson, Joel Dubrofsky, Ronald Bodnoff, and Samuel Slipacoff, all of Ottawa, Ont.; Dr. and Mrs. Irving Dain, of Toronto, Ont.; and Herbert J. Hirshman, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Rodgers and children, Jacqueline, Marc, and Cliff, 5764 Leger Avenue, had Leib Rochman, of Jerusalem, Israel, visiting them. He is a cousin of the late Mrs. Hala Finkelstein, mother of Mrs. Rogers. Mr. Rochman is an author and journalist in Israel; and writes for the "Daily Forward", of New York. He has been in Australia, India, Indo-China, Honolulu, and the Philippine Islands, where he lectured. Mr. Rochman went to England; and Liege, Belgium, to see Armand Finkelstein; and to Paris, France, to visit Mrs. Hanka Marco, his cousins; uncle and aunt of Mrs. Rodgers.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Frank, 5416 Cote St. Antoine Road, stopped at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Goldberg, are spending their wedding trip in Bermuda. Mrs. Goldberg is the former Miss Teddi Bernhut, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Bernhut, 2107 Vincent Street. Mr. Goldberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Moses Coldberg, 1021 Bali Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Goldberg are spending their wedding trip at the Neveie Country Club, in Ellenville, N. Y. Mrs. Goldberg is the former Miss Marilyn Singer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Singer, 5242 Cumberland Avenue. Mr. Goldberg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Goldberg, 4948 Isabella Avenue.

Mrs. D. Schneider and daughter, Miss Ruth Schneider, 211 Tait Street, are spending the winter in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Beril Kahn, 1829 North Avenue, visited their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pleet (nee Miriam Kahn), and sons, Howard and Joel, and new-born son, Lawrence Allan, of Ottawa, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Lubiner, of Clarenceville, Que., visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lubiner, and daughter, Suzanne, and new-born daughter, Glenda Bonnie, 3005 Barclay Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Achtman and daughters, Vivian and Rhona, 4175 St. Kevin Avenue, had her mother, Mrs. Annie Klein, of New York, visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Tinkoff, 5665 Notre Dame de Grace Avenue, were at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harvey Peters, 5519 Rosedale Avenue, spent their wedding trip at the Algiers Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Peters is the former Miss Mona Marilyn Leibovitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Leibovitch, 5519 Rosedale Avenue. Mr. Peters is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Peters, 676 Querbes Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stroll, 5173 Bourret Avenue, were at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tkatch, 5530 Victoria Avenue, visited their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tkatch, and children, Janice Marlene and Gibbi Brian, of Toronto, Ont.

Mrs. M. Miller, 4875 Maplewood Avenue, visited her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Aronovitch and children, Harold and Beryl, of Sarnia, Ont.; her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Spector and children, Karen and Wendy, of Toronto, Ont.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Goodman and children, Miss Molly Goodman and Leonard, formerly of 3835 Drolet Street, have taken up residence at 755 Querbes Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Aronoff and daughter, Marian, 4344 St. Urbain Street, have visiting them: Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stern, of Jackson Heights, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stern, of New York; and Mr. and Mrs. L. Goldschmidt of Vienna, Austria. Mr. and Mrs. Stern will be present at the marriage of Miss Dorothy Hager, daughter of Mrs. Fanny Hager, 1280 Bernard Avenue West, and the late Samuel Hager, to Eugene Brumer, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Brumer, of Los Angeles, Calif., on January 4, at Beth David-Beth Yitzchok-Kehal Yeshurun Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Katz, 4541 Hutchison Street, will go to Moncton, N. B., for the marriage of Miss Elaine Levine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Levine, to their son, Leon Katz, on January 6.

Robert L. Shurr and Peter Greenlief, both of New York, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur I. Stern, 5760 Wilderton Avenue, while here to attend the Camp Algonquin reunion at the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel.

Here for the bar-mitzvah of Peter Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Teitelbaum, 7820 De L'Epee Avenue, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue were: Mr. and Mrs. S. Goodman, his grandparents; Mr. and Mrs. R. Goodman, Jack Goodman and daughter, Miss Roslyn Goodman; Mrs. J. Echenberg and Mrs. S. Echenberg, all of Sherbrooke, Que.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grossman, of Toronto, Ont.; and Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen, of Waltham, Mass.

Dr. and Mrs. Norman Butterman, 145 Springgrove Crescent, are spending seven weeks on their wedding trip in Rio de Janairo, Brazil; Buenos Aires, Argentina; Santiago, Chile; La Paz, Bolivia; Lima, Peru; Venezuela; Acapulco, Mexico; and Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Butterman is the former Miss Molly Brenda Stein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stein, 6170 Wilderton Crescent. Dr. Butterman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Butterman, 4941 Grosvenor Avenue.

Hyman Lesser, 833 Dollard Avenue, is back from a stay at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Chazan, 6585 DeVimy Avenue, spent a holiday at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Bernard Abrams are spending their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida. Mrs. Abrams is the former Miss Marilyn Feldstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moe Feldstein, 5470 Hutchison Street. Mr. Abrams is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Abrams, 4622 Plamondon Avenue.

Here for the marriage of Miss Dorothy Hager, daughter of Mrs. Fanny Hager, 1280 Bernard Avenue West, and the late Samuel Hager, to Eugene Brumen, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Brumer, of Los Angeles, Calif., will be his parents; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stern, of Jackson Heights, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Issie Shulman, 2601 Soissons Avenue, entertained forty guests at a supper at their home to celebrate the engagement of their daughter, Miss Libby Shulman, to Samuel Morris Lerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lerman, 6650 Chester Avenue. The marriage will take place on February 22, 1959 at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. David Lapkovsky, 4970 Plamondon Avenue, gave a Chanukah party at their home. His brother, Abraham Lapkovsky; their son and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Lapkovsky, and children, Arleen, Steven, Robert, and Howard; their sons-in-law and daughters: Mr. and Mrs. Morris Hutkins (Freda), and son, Barry; Mr. and Mrs. Saul Lumer (Helen), and children, Barbara and Vickie; and Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher (Elsie), and children, Candy and Jeffrey, were with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Greenberg, 6341 Trans Island Avenue, entertained one hundred and thirty-five guests, at a cocktail party, to celebrate the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Greenberg, to Myer Mire, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mire, 4589 Jeanne Mance Street. Mrs. Saul Greenberg received in a black silk dress, and had black accessories, and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. M. Mire was in a royal-blue dress; with black accessories, and a corsage of pink roses. Miss Ruth Greenberg wore a cocktail dress, made with a white lace bodice, and an iridescent silk skirt; with a corsage of pink orchids. A centerpiece of pink and red roses composed the decoration.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Moe Obrand (nee Bess Silver), 4020 Dupuis Avenue, on November 14, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Herschel; brother of Leona, aged thirteen years; and Ellen, eight; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Silver, 4288 De Bullion Street; Mrs. Bertha Obrand, of Ste. Agathe, Que., and of the late Israel Obrand. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. David Obrand, 6405 Lennox Avenue, uncle and aunt. Morris Silver, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Achtman (nee Lily Miller), 4175 St. Kevin Avenue, on December 3, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Rhona; sister of Vivian, aged three and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Achtman, 4263 Esplanade Avenue; Mrs. Annie Klein, of New York, and of the late Reuben Miller, of Montreal; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Bertha Nemeroff, of Montreal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pleet (nee Miriam Kahn, formerly of Montreal), of Ottawa, Ont., on November 30, at the Ottawa Civic Hospital, there, a son, Lawrence Allan; brother of Howard, aged ten years; and Joel, seven; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Beril Kahn, 1829 North Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Pleet, 131 Chapel Street, Ottawa, Ont.

Born, Dr. and Mrs. Ned Better (nee Elen Altow, formerly of Ottawa, Ont.), of Boston, Mass., at Beth Israel Hospital, on December 22, a son, Robert Eric; brother of Mark, aged two years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Better, 717 Stuart Ave.; and of Mrs. Anne Altow, of Ottawa, and the late Morris Altow; great-grandson of Harry Libman; 717 Stuart Avenue, Montreal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam. Epstein (nee Dorothy Holtzman), 5705 Westminster Avenue, on December 22, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Lori May; weight, seven pounds, five ounces; first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hortzman, 5766 McAlear Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Epstein, 6826 Mountain Sights Avenue; first great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holtsman, 5952 Mountain Sights Avenue.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Maurice H. Schwartz (nee Estelle Halpern), 5304 Cumberland Avenue, on October 18, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Stefanie Karen; sister of Jeffrey Brian, aged sixteen months now; granddaughter of Mrs. Mascha Halpern, 4609 Melrose Avenue, and the late Samuel Halpern; and of Mrs. Anne Schwartz, 4255 Dupuis Avenue, and the late Jack Schwarts.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Lubiner (nee Milly Altner), 3005 Barclay Avenue, on December 2, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Glenda Bonnie; sister of Suzanne, aged four and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Altner, 3005 Barclay Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Chaim Lubiner, of Clarenceville, Que.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller (nee Wilna Marcovitch), 4840 Maplewood Avenue, on November 20, at the Jewish General Hospital, a daughter, Bernice; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Marcovitch, 5530 Victoria Avenue; and of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Miller, of Montreal.

DEATHS

Mrs. Fanny Shaeffer Cohen, 6810 Queen Mary Road, aged eighty-three years, died on Saturday, December 20. She is survived by her husband, Israel Cohen; a daughter, Mrs. Newman B. Freedman (Molly), 1520 McGregor Street; a grandson, Dr. Arthur N. Freedman, 2720 Darlington Place; a granddaughter, Mrs. A. J. Ashmele (Beverlee Freedman), 4865 Isabella Avenue; and a great-grandson, Stephen E. Freedman. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat officiated. Burial was in Shaar Hashomayim Cemetery. Mrs. Cohen was the wife of Israel Cohen, honorary president of the Jewish Community Council, and of the Jewish People's Schools. She was a member of Hadassah. Mrs. Cohen came to Canada in 1904 from Leova, Russia, and was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Shaeffer, of Leova.

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Social Notes — Montreal

Mr. and Mrs. Issie Maron, 5537 Waverley Street, were entertained at a supper by their children in celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Their sons and daughter-in-law are: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Maron, 4895 Plamondon Avenue; and Irving Maron; their sons-in-law and daughters are: Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Fefergrad (Tillie), 3130 Van Horne Avenue; and Mr. and Mrs. Sander Zahler (Ann), 5485 Lavoie Avenue. They have five grandchildren: Mrs. Louis Posner (nee Ruth Fefergrad), 3820 St. Kevin Avenue, and Larry and Edward Fefergrad; Trudy and Daniel Maron; and a great-granddaughter, Beverly Posner. Mrs. Issie Maron was in a black crepe dress; and had a corsage of red roses. Present with the above were: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Posner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michelin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chales, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Posner, Mr. and Mrs. K. Gottlieb, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Goldwasser, A. Litwin, Samuel Rothpan, I. Morton, and Mrs. David Kessler. Vari-colour pompoms decorated the table. Following the supper those present went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sander Zahler, where Mr. and Mrs. Maron cut the anniversary cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Lyman (nee Mary Quallenberg), 5714 Hutchison Street, gave a birthday party at their home to celebrate the first birthday of their son, Mark Alvin; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William Quallenberg, 5714 Hutchison Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. David Lyman, 4200 Dupuis Avenue. Present were: Mrs. Rachel Wax, great-aunt; Allan Quallenberg, uncle; Mesdames Asher Mankoff, David King, and daughters, Brenda and Frances; Samuel Schwartz, and daughter, Lana; Harry Shenker, and daughter, Brenda; Murray Stern, and son, Allan; Morty Leiberman, and son, Jeffrey; Issie Bell, and daughter, Janice; Bernard Schwartz, and daughter, Therese; Joseph Merowitz, and daughter, Debra; and Saul Goldberg, and sons, Barry and Aaron. A blue and white birthday cake decorated with candy rosebuds decorated the table. Moving pictures were taken by Mr. Lyman.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bultz, 959 Dunlop Avenue, celebrated the bar-mitzvah of their son, Macgerald (Mordecai), who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Adath Israel Synagogue. Macgerald read the Sedra and Haftorah. He is the brother of Shlome, aged nine years; and Neil, three; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Baker, 959 Dunlop Avenue; and of Mrs. Minna Bultz, 1040 Bernard Avenue West; great-grandson of Mrs. Dora Shiff, 1640 Van Horne Avenue. Kiddush was observed. Following the services Mr. and Mrs. Bultz received two hundred guests at a Kiddush luncheon in the Synagogue hall. Mrs. Bultz wore a navy-blue print dress, made with a square neckline, long sleeves, and straight skirt; and a blue flowered hat. Mrs. Morris Baker, grandmother, wore a black silk dress; and a rose-colored hat. Mrs. Minna Bultz, grandmother, wore a brown silk dress; and a beige hat. Mrs. Dora Shiff, great-grandmother, was in a black silk dress; and had a black hat. Seated at the head table with the above were: Rabbi Charles Bender, M. Yalovsky, his teacher; Reverend M. Mandelcorn, Cantor E. Goldberger, and Mrs. Ida Loffler, his great-aunt. The bar-mitzvah boy gave a speech. Rabbi Charles Bender asked a blessing over the challah. A blue and white bar-mitzvah cake and compositions of blue and white pom-poms were arranged on the table. Mrs. Bennie Cohen, of Boston, Mass., great-aunt, was here for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gluss, 6707 Macdonald Avenue, celebrated the bar-mitzvah of their son, Michael, who was called to the Reading of the Law, at Beth David-Beth Yitzchok-Kehal Yeshurun Synagogue. He is the brother of Gary, aged five years; great-grandson of Mrs. Rose Fox, of Hartford, Conn. Kiddush was observed. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Gluss, were hosts to three hundred guests at a dinner-dance in the Synagogue hall. Mrs. Gluss, received in a beige peau de soie gown, re-embroidered with brown beads, and designed with an off-the-shoulder neckline; and a skirt made with a straight front, and bustle-effect back. She had beige accessories; and a corsage of mauve orchids. Mrs. Rose Rox, great-grandmother, was in a blue silk dress, with blue accessories; and a corsage of pink roses. Those who lit the candles were: Mrs. Rose Fox, Mrs. Isaac Stoller; Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Vale and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stoller, all of Toronto, Ont.; Mrs. Ray Hert, of Winnipeg, Man.; Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Wenshel, and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Fox, all of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nachshen, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huz, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Bernstein, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Aronovitch, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gluss, Mr. and Mrs. David Gluss, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Cohen, and Mr. and Mrs. Usher Adelman. Gary, the brother; and Gerry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gluss, carried the tallith. Seated at the head table with the familly, were: Rabbi I. J. Teicher, Cantor J. Dlin; Mrs. Rose Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gluss, Mr. and Mrs. David Gluss, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Stoller, Mrs. Ray Hert, Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Vale, Mrs. Ida Klein, Mr. and Mrs. Usher Adelman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Huz, Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Cohen, and Abraham Bass, of Boston, Mass. Michael gave a speech in English; and Rabbi Teicher asked the blessing over the challah. A blue and white bar-mitzvah cake, in the shape of a Torah, and centerpieces of blue and white carnations, and pom-poms, and candelabra were arranged for decoration.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Saul Greenberg, 6941 Trans Island Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Greenberg, to Myer Mire, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Mire, 4589 Jeanne Mance Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Minkoff, 6505 Macdonald Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sandra Minkoff, to Philip Macklan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macklan, 276 Villeneuve Street West.

Mr. and Mrs. Issie Shulman, 2691 Solsons Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Libby Shulman, to Samuel Morris Lerman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Lerman, 6550 Chester Avenue. The marriage will take place on February 22, at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, Dr. Solomon Frank, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bernstein, 5450 Trans Island Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Roslyn Bernstein, to Theodore Ingberg, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. H. Ingberg. The marriage will take place on March 1, in the Champlain Room of the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel, Dr. C. N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph David, of Los Angeles, Calif., formerly of Rangoon, Burma, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Rachel David, to Albert Green, of Los Angeles, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Green, 3542 Van Horne Avenue, Montreal. The marriage will take place the latter part of July, 1959, in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Singer, 5252 King Edward Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Paula Singer, to Dennis Moshonas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sotirios Moshonas, of Athens, Greece.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

The approaching marriage of Miss Lillian Hershenfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hershenfield, 4772 Bouchette Street, to Mark Zunder, son of Mrs. Bessie Zunder, of Ottawa, Ont., and the late Isaac Zunder, will take place on January 11, at Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehuda Synagogue and Shaare Tefillah, Dr. C. N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiating.

MARRIAGES

PETERS-LEIBOVITCH

The marriage of Miss Mona Marilyn Leibovitch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Leibovitch, 5519 Rosedale Avenue, to Gerald Harvey Peters, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Peters, 876 Querbes Avenue, took place at Chevra Kadisha-Bnai Jacob Synagogue, on Sunday, November 2, at six o'clock; Rabbi David Roth officiating, assisted by Rabbi S. Herschorn. The bride, given in marriage by her parents, was gowned in white peau de soie, cut with a fitted bodice, and made with a rounded, neckline trimmed with appliques of velvet flowers. It was designed with long sleeves, ending in points at the wrist; and a full, bouffant skirt draped at the back, and arranged with a cluster of velvet flowers, and which terminated in a chapel train. A fingertip veil of tulle illusion, was held in place by a rhinestone tiara. She carried a white prayer book adorned with white orchids, stephanotis and white satin streamers. Mrs. William Ramelson, cousin of the bride, the matron of honour, was in a pink, ballerina-length gown of peau de soie. She had a bandeau of matching material, and carried a crescent-shaped cascade bouquet of pink and white carnations, and pink satin streamers. Miss Rhona Peters, sister of the groom; and Miss Reisha Applebaum, cousin of the groom, as bridesmaids, were dressed alike, in ballerina-length gowns of pink tulle, over matching taffeta. They had bandeaux of matching material; and carried nosegays of pink and white carnations. Ivan Abrams was best man. The ushers were: Leonard Plotnick, cousin of the groom; William Ramelson and Ralph Kleinberg, cousins of the bride; Seymour Bellman, Avrum Stober, Lionel Mincoff, Jack Schneider, Peter Waisberg, Mortimer Abracen and Irving Litvack. White gladioli, white chrysanthemums, white pom-poms; arranged with some pink carnations; greenery, palm trees and flowering dogwood trees, were used to decorate the Synagogue and hall. Louis Burko played the wedding music, while the choir sang. Mrs. Leibovitch, mother of the bride, received in a gown of pink peau de soie, brocaded with a design of lily-of-the-valley, having a short floor length train extending from a large bow at the back. She had a pink feathered hat; and had a white orchid on her evening bag. Mrs. Peters, mother of the groom, was in a pink silk satin gown, made with a semi-full, ball-shaped skirt; trimmed at the back with a large vertical bow. She had a matching feathered hat, and carried a white orchid on her hand-bag. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harvey Peters spent their wedding trip at the Algiers Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida. They have taken up residence at 5519 Rosedale Avenue. Here for the marriage were: T. Petegorsky, Mr. and Mrs. F. Fleisher, and son, Martin; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peters and daughter, Marilyn; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Petegorsky, Mrs. Rae Petegorsky, all of Ottawa, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. Morris Rosenberg, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. S. Steinberg, of Toronto, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McLeod, of Baie d'Urfee, Que.; and Mrs. D. Verbitsky, of Riviere du Loup, Que.

MORRIS-SCHEER

The marriage of Miss Sheila Scheer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scheer, 1639 Ducharme Avenue, to Marvin Morris, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Morris, 3283 Cedar Avenue, took place in the Ballroom of the Sheraton-Mount Royal Hotel, on Sunday, December 14, at half-past five o'clock. Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi, officiated, assisted by Cantor O. Staeren. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She wore an Empire gown of white peau de soie. The fitted bodice had a wide V-neckline; long, fitted sleeves; and bouffant skirt with three pouffed panels alternating with sunburst pleats. Her four-tiered veil of tulle illusion was caught to a coronet of seed-pearl-beads and pearl drops. Her bouquet was of orchids and stephanotis. Mrs. Saul Perlman, sister of the groom, was matron of honour and wore a gown of baby-blue cellophane lace over silk organza, with scalloped neckline; and a long waistline extending into a straight sheath below a pouff. Her headdress was a tiara shaped with flowers to match her dress and she carried orchids and stephanotis. Miss Marlene Scheer, sister of the bride, was maid of honour, in an Empire gown of Delft-blue silk sheer over blue silk. Her headdress of flowers matched the cascade of pink and white roses she carried. The best men were: Norman Namerow and Harry I. Morris. The ushers were: Saul Perlman, Beril Hoppenheim, Sidney Rubin, Richard Pascal, Robert Dalfen, Erwin Wolfe, Dr. Erwin Fine, and Morris Robinson, Murray Perlman and Michael Morris, nephews of the groom, were junior ushers. Alvin Perlman, nephew of the groom, was ring-bearer. Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Morris spent their wedding trip in Puerto Rico.

BAR-MITZVAHS

Peter Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Teitelbaum, 7820 De L'Epee Avenue, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah on December 27, at Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue. He is the brother of Robert, aged eleven years; and Neil, six; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. S. Goodman, of Sherbrooke, Que.; and of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Teitelbaum, 7820 de L'Epee Avenue. Kiddush was observed.

Sidney Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kaushansky, 4379 Marcil Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah on January 3, at Shaare Zion Synagogue. He is the brother of Miss Farla Kaushansky; and Melvin; grandson of Mrs. C. Bogante; and of Mr. and Mrs. D. Kaushansky, all of Montreal. Kiddush will be observed. A luncheon in the Synagogue hall, will follow the services.

Stephen Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schneiderman, 4739 Kent Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah on January 3, at Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehuda Synagogue and Shaare Tefillah. He is the brother of Eta, aged nine and one-half years; grandson of Mrs. Rose Elenbogen, 5585 Sterling Avenue, and the late Issie Elenbogen; and of Mrs. Ida Schneiderman, 4949 Lacombe Avenue, and the late Harry Schneiderman. Kiddush will be observed. A luncheon in the Synagogue hall will follow services.

Samuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Maislin, of Buffalo, N.Y., formerly of Montreal, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah on December 27, at Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehudah Synagogue, and Shaare Tefillah. He is the brother of Sharon, aged ten years; Max, two; grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Max Maislin, of Montreal; and of Mrs. Tillie Hershorn, 4655 Esplanade Avenue. Kiddush was observed. A dinner-dance took place that evening, in the Synagogue hall.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morton Ritz (nee Marilyn Vassall), Ridgewood Avenue, on December 7, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Kerry Brent; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Vassall, Lacombe Avenue; and of Mrs. B. Ritz, Walkley Avenue, and the late B. Ritz; great-grandson of H. Roth, Lacombe Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Shevell (nee Lottie Fisch), 6875 Fielding Avenue, on October 28, at the Montreal General Hospital, a son, Steven Fred; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Al. Shevell, 5535 Rosedale Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Fisch, of Forest Hills, N.Y.; great-granddaughter of Mrs. Else Schloessinger, of New York; and of Chaim Elkin, of Montreal. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. April, 5507 Rosedale Avenue, uncle and aunt. Mr. Fisch, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wolkove (nee Martzi Kravitz), formerly of Montreal, of Hawkesbury, Ont., on Friday, December 5, at the Smith Clinic, there, a son, Murray Alen; brother of Rhona, aged four and one-half years; and Gary, three and one-half; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wolkove, 3375 Barclay Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Kravitz, 542 Crevier Street; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Abramovitch, 5305 Esplanade Avenue, all of Montreal. Godparents are Sidney Abramovitch, 2200 Charles Grill Street, uncle, and Miss Beverly Kravitz, aunt. Mr. Wolkove, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Al. Cornfield (nee Marabelle Fishman), 4387 Plamondon Avenue, on December 6, at the Jewish General Hospital, a son, Neil; brother of Marion, aged six years; and Beverlee, four; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Cornfield, 5881 Hutchison Street; Mrs. Sarah Fishman, 4740 Plamondon Avenue, and of the late Jack Fishman. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. Cornfield, 777 Algonquin Avenue, uncle and aunt. John Cornfield, grandfather, held the baby during the ceremony.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Littner (nee Mimi Shilling), 5460 Walkley Avenue, on December 17, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a daughter, Robin Maris; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Shilling, 4450 Plamondon Avenue; and of Mr. and Mrs. E. Littner, 5370 Prince of Wales Avenue.

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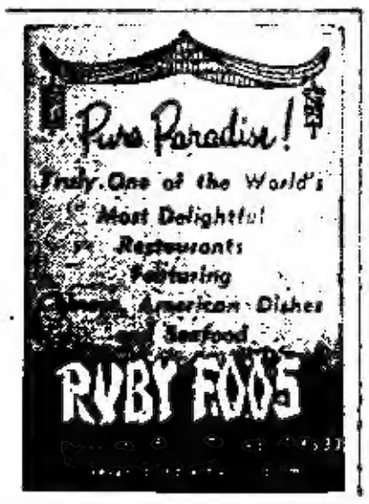

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Jewish Education And Life In Mexico Serve As A Model For Larger Communities

BY DR. JACOB LEVITZ, EDUCATOR AND RESEARCH WORKER

The contemporary Jewish community in Mexico is a comparatively young one. It is only about half a century old, although historically, Jews have been associated with New Spain, as Mexico was formerly called, since the days of the *conquistadores*.

The Marranos, who fled to New Spain hoping to be free of the surveillance of the Inquisition, soon found its dreaded arm reaching out into the new land. Because the Inquisition was not suppressed until 1820, there was little inducement for professing Jews to settle in Mexico. Those who nevertheless ventured to come and managed to escape the Inquisition, eventually disintegrated as a religious or ethnic group. Many Mexicans prominent in social, cultural, or political walks of life, including the late President Francisco Madero, are said to be descendants of Marranos.

Some, however, continued secretly to practice Judaism in one form or another. At present there are several thousand so-called Indian Jews in Mexico who claim lineage from the Marranos. In all likelihood, only 300 of them are really of Jewish descent. In Mexico City, this group, of a very low economic and cultural stratum, maintains a little temple — *Kahal Kadosh B'nai Elohim* — where they meet socially and recite prayers and hymns in Spanish, accompanied by violin and piano.

During the second half of the 19th century, after President Diaz had established comparative tranquility in the country and granted general concessions to foreign capitalists, some Jews arrived from France, Belgium, Denmark and Germany, as representatives of business houses. They too, however, were absorbed by the new environment and lost their national and ethnic characteristics.

The first to reveal themselves to the Mexican people as *Israelitas* were the Sephardim who entered the country in the first decade of the 20th century. Gradually their compatriots, whose political and economic positions in their native lands were being undermined by revolutions and wars, followed. Several factors combined to facilitate the process of their adjustment. Most of them came intending to remain in Mexico; the standards of life of their native lands was somewhat similar to those of Latin America; to a number of them the Spanish language was not foreign, their mother tongue being Ladino, or Judeo-Spanish.

By 1921, when the immigration of the Ashkenazim from Eastern Europe began, the Sephardim were already established in the country. The U.S. immigration laws of 1921 and 1924 accelerated the flow of Ashkenazic immigration to Mexico. This development occurred although established Jewish agencies and the budding Mexican Jewish organizations did not at all encourage it, since the country seemed to hold very little economic promise.

Immigration was further stimulated by the public statement of President Calles on October 28, 1924, in which he extended "a friendly invitation for immigration into Mexico to Jews who are prepared to join with the Mexican nation in the upbuilding of the national industries of the country as law-abiding citizens."

In contrast to the Sephardim, not all the Ashkenazic immigrants came with the intention of settling in the land. Many at first viewed Mexico as a way-station to the Shangri-La of the United States and hoped to enter America on the Mexican quota. While some of these immigrants did leave the country, most learned to consider Mexico not as a way-station to a promised land but as the land itself, and made up their minds to remain.

We do not possess exact data pertaining to the number of Jews in the Republic of Mexico or in Mexico City. The private census conducted in Mexico City in 1949 by the Jewish Central Committee, the representative body of the community, shows 14,949 Jews in the capital — 9,089 Ashkenazim and 5,880 Sephardim. The number of families was 3,988. Of these, 2,697 were Ashkenazic and 1,291 Sephardic. (It is claimed that for one reason or another some 2,000 persons were not reached by this count.)

Of the Jews enumerated in the capital, 7,312 were immigrants and 7,637 nativeborn. The preponderant number of Ashkenazic immigrants originated in Poland, 2,441; in Russia, 1,189; in Lithuania, 467. Smaller numbers came from Germany, Austria, Hungary, and Romania, and 109 were from the United States. Of the Sephardic "sector," the largest group, 963, came from Syria, 449 from Turkey, and 137 from Greece.

11,726 Jews were Mexican citizens, either by birth or by naturalization. A significant fact that points up the potentialities of growth of the community in spite of the closed immigration (since 1937, when the first immigration quota was adopted) is that 45% of the total Jewish population were under twenty-one years of age. The data of the census are released here for the first time.

The number of Jews scattered over all the Mexican provinces is about 3,700. The largest Jewish communities outside the capital are Guadalajara and Monterrey, with over 100 families each.

In all there are thus about 21,000 Jews in Mexico, constituting approximately 0.1% of the population.

The majority of the Jewish immigrants, Sephardim and Ashkenazim alike, brought to their new habitat a background of middle and lower middle class callings. The small number of Jewish artisans soon became aware of the fact that there were not too many factories in retarded and industrially under-developed Mexico which could or were willing to employ them. On the other hand, the newcomers, consisting as they did mainly of a young age group, soon found an open market for the utilization of their skills and business initiative.

Like their brethren in the United States in the second half of the 19th century, the Jews in Mexico set themselves up as peddlers and *pusateros* — stall-owners. The peddlers reached the remotest places in the country, carrying with them drygoods, clothes, hardware, mirrors, razor blades, and even crucifixes and saints' images.

However, this activity, while benefiting the lower economic classes of the Mexican population, incurred the ire of both foreign and native business men against their Jewish competitors. In the '30's, various ordinances were passed against the *pusateros*. These seemed to represent an attempt to eliminate the Jews from Mexican economic life.

The decree banishing the push-carts from the public markets at first strangled the Jewish community economically but turned out to be a blessing in disguise. It forced the Jews out of the peddling stage and accelerated the establishment of Jewish stores and factories. In the course of their economic transformation, facilitated by numerous Mexican-Jewish aid, loan and credit associations, the Jewish entrepreneurs built on the same principle that they had applied as peddlers. They manufactured and distributed various commodities catering to the large class of low wage earners.

As early as 1937, the Jewish Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City claimed that in the capital alone Jewish industries employed 30,000 natives. World War II, with the rising war demands and a laissez-faire market, encouraged the further growth of Jewish business and commerce.

As to the recent occupational stratification of the Jewish community, the 1949 census reveals the following information: 62% of the Jewish population were merchants; 15% were employed in business and industry; 13% were manufacturers; 8% were in or preparing for liberal professions; 1.4% were self-employed artisans, and 0.3% each were laborers, and cattle-dealers and ranchers.

Just as elsewhere, the rapid economic advancement of the Jews in Mexico has not failed to affect the total behavior pattern of the group. The new prosperity brought about a change in their entire mode of life. First came the exodus from the former places of residence.

From Jesus Maria Street and its surrounding areas, with their old, dingy buildings and small, dark and stuffy rooms, the Jews moved to better and more exclusive regions of the capital. Colonia Hipodromo became the preferred district and there the Jewish population predominantly congregated. Within a short time, however, the wealthier class moved away to much more exclusive areas of the city.

Whereas three decades ago it was not unusual for four or six people to live in one room, at present a large portion of the Jewish community has already completed the phase of owning comfortable and spacious homes. As is the case with other well-to-do ethnic groups, almost all the Jewish families employ one or two maids.

There has also developed a widespread practice to throw sumptuous parties, *sholem sakhors*, *mazel tovs*, *brith* ceremonies, *pidyon habens*, birthday celebrations, *bar mitzvahs*, *compleanos de quince* — girls' debuts at fifteen, and betrothals, weddings, housewarmings, and other *fiestas*.

Its prosperous position has enabled the community also to contribute generously towards the furthering of Jewish life and culture in Mexico, Israel and the Diaspora just as it has contributed towards the general welfare of its adopted land in various ways. In 1950, for example, the United Jewish Campaign there was able to raise about four million pesos (some $300,000).

In the post World War II period the Jews of Mexico have built several magnificent and very costly communal projects. These include the Convalescent Home for the Aged in Cuernavaca, the Jewish Community Center and School in Monterrey, the synagogue *Kahal Kadosh Monte Sinai* of the Damascan Jews in Mexico City, and the Sport Center there. The diversified activities of the Sport Center are enjoyed by a membership of 5,000, of all ages and all groups. As many as several thousands congregate there on weekends.

From the beginning, the immigrants struggled to perpetuate their own social, cultural and religious pattern of life. Because Mexico was retarded culturally as well as industrially, the tendency of the immigrants to assimilate and to identify themselves with the prevailing culture was not a potent one.

Each Jewish group created its own organizations and institutions. In essence, these were replicas and recreations of those which they had known in the home towns.

While the Sephardim seemed satisfied to devote themselves primarily to religious and philanthropic activities, the Ashkenazim, coming from the East European centers, pulsating with an intense and multifarious Jewish life, aimed at broader social and cultural outlets.

Although the majority of the arrivals did not represent the *intelligentsia* of Polish, Russian, and Lithuanian Jewry, they had none the less been influenced by the Zionist and Bundist ideologies, by the ideas of the renascent Yiddish and Hebrew literature and by general and Jewish secular thinking and learning. These so-called emancipated members of the Ashkenazic sector could not therefore very well join and mingle communally with the Sephardim.

Even the orthodox elements very soon found it impossible to establish a mode of interaction with their estranged Sephardic coreligionists. By 1922 the handful of religious Ashkenazic Jews were actually forced to withdraw from the Arabic synagogue, where they had previously worshipped, because of differences in the ritual.

The lack of a common universe of discourse between the divergent cultural camps existed both on a

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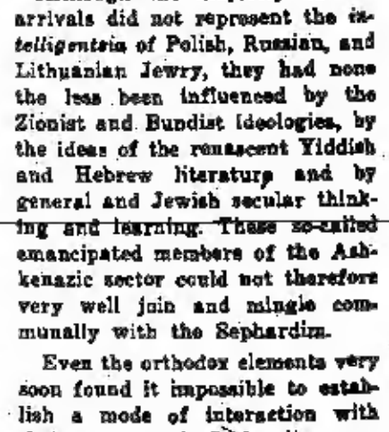

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SALTER-GOLDMAN

The marriage of Miss Elaine Eitta Goldman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Goldman, 21 Elm Ridge Drive, to Gary Salter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Salter, 2 Palomino Crescent, was solemnized in Beth Sholom Synagogue, on Sunday, December 7, at half-past five o'clock, by Rabbi David Monson, assisted by Cantor Henry Wahrman. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She wore a long, white, crystal taffeta gown with a chapel train; with long pointed sleeves; scooped neckline; fitted bodice re-embroidered with Alencon lace; and two bows at the back waistline. Her fingertip illusion veil was draped from a pearl-beaded tiara; and she carried a white prayer book with a white orchid and stephanotis. Mrs. Murray Wasserman, sister of the bride, as matron of honour, wore a royal-blue, sleeveless, silk chiffon with a pleated bodice, cummerbund, and flared skirt. She had a short, matching veil and carried a cascade bouquet of chrysanthemums and carnations in shades of blue. The bridesmaids were: Misses Elaine Anderson, Sandra Abramowitz, Rose Dolman, Marlene Dollinger, Susan Donnenfield, and Linda Malins. They wore princess gowns of royal-blue peau de soie. Each had a short, semi-bell-shaped skirt, and shawl collar. They had rhinestone tiaras and carried semi-cascade bouquets of carnations and chrysanthemums in shades of blue. Bonny Salter, sister of the groom, was junior bridesmaid. Janice Mindy Wasserman, niece of the bride, was flower girl. They wore identical dresses of blue organdy. Each had a short full skirt with scalloped hemline, sleeves, and collar; with a garland of blue-tinted roses in her hair. Bonny carried a miniature cascade bouquet; and Janice, a nosegay of carnations and chrysanthemums in shades of blue. Ricky Salter, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were: Arnold Torneck, cousin of the groom; Samuel Cohen, of Sarnia, Ont.; Aaron Birenbaum, Allan Little, Simon Weinberg, and Walter Sherman. Cary Sheldon Wasserman, nephew of the bride, was ring-bearer. Bouquets of blue and white carnations and chrysanthemums adorned the altar and were tied with white organdy bows on the aisle. A dinner and reception followed at the Synagogue. Mrs. Goldman, mother of the bride, wore a rose-orchid-coloured delustered satin gown made with a draped sheath skirt with floating panels in back; and seed-pearl-beading on guipure lace re-embroidered on the fitted bodice. She had a headpiece and a tinted orchid corsage to match her gown. Mrs. Salter, mother of the groom, wore a shocking-pink, peau de satin Empire gown, made with a scooped neckline trimmed in pearl-beading; a pink, pearl-beaded tiara and a orchid corsage tinted to match. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Salter spent their wedding trip in Mexico City and Acapulco, Mexico, the bride travelling in a brown wool suit, the blouson jacket trimmed with a mink collar; and felt hat; and a corsage of orange-tinted carnations. They have taken up residence at 765 Eglinton Avenue West. Here for the marriage were: Jack Goldman and daughter, Miss Ina Goldman, of Woodbury, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Goldman, of Passaic, New Jersey; Mr. and Mrs. N. Strota, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. I. Osowsky, Mrs. Eva Tepperman, all of Chicago, Ill.; Lester Lipsitz, Mrs. Louis Komisar, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Salter and daughter, Janis; Mr. and Mrs. H. Small, Harry Salter and son, Michael, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Harold, all of Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. Charles Krantz, Miss Judy Polikoff, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brightman, all of New York; and I. Epstein, of Ottawa, Ontario.

COHEN-COOPERSMITH

The marriage of Miss Gay Coopersmith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Coopersmith, 971 Avenue, to Barry Cohen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Cohen, of Chicago, Illinois, was solemnized at Adath Israel Synagogue, on Sunday, November 30, at five o'clock, by Rabbi Erwin Schild, assisted by Cantor S. Weinstein. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Her Empire gown of white peau de soie had long sleeves and was trimmed with re-embroidered and beaded Alencon lace; with lace appliques decorating the full skirt which formed a cathedral train. Her fingertip illusion veil was draped from a pearl-beaded crown and she carried a cascade bouquet of lilies of the valley, stephanotis, and pink and scarlet camellias. Mrs. Melvin Katzman, matron of honour, was gowned in turquoise-blue chiffon, cut with a square neckline; long torso bodice; and a harem skirt. She had a matching, feathered head-band and carried a cascade bouquet of pink and scarlet carnations and roses. The bridesmaids were: Misses Judy Caplan, Esther Weingarten, Elaine Mitchell; and Andrea Gale, Rochelle Lang, and Susan Rosenberg, of Chicago, Ill. Each wore a gown of turquoise-blue chiffon made with a boat-shaded neckline which came to a low V in back; and a harem skirt; and a matching feathered head-band. They carried cascade bouquets of pink and scarlet carnations and roses. Murray Cohen, brother of the groom, of Chicago, was best man. The ushers were: Saul Greenglass, and Lionel Simbrow, cousins of the groom; Harvey Greenberg, of Stratford, Ont.; brother-in-law of the bride; Samuel Cohen, of Indianapolis, Indiana; Jack Cohen and Sidney Cohen, of Chicago, all brothers of the groom; and Nathan Rosenberg and Ralph Lang, of Chicago, brothers-in-law of the groom. Standards of pink and scarlet roses and carnations banked the altar. The song, "I Love Thee", was played during the ceremony. A reception followed at the Synagogue. Mrs. Coopersmith wore a beaded lace Empire gown in champagne and beige tones; with matching feathered head-piece, and a corsage of birds of paradise orchids in shades of orange. Mrs. Cohen wore a royal-blue chiffon gown made with a square neckline and pleated skirt; with matching feathered hat, and a corsage of white orchids. Mr. and Mrs. Barry Cohen spent their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida, the bride travelling in a brown cashmere suit, made with a rolled collar trimmed with white mink; with a white velour cloche hat. They will reside in Chicago. Among the wedding guests were: Dr. and Mrs. L. Kopel, of Windsor, Ontario; Dr. and Mrs. D. Sperer, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sperer, all of Buffalo, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Lazelle, of Detroit, Mich.; all cousins of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. I. Levine, uncle and aunt of the bride, of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. M. Lipman, cousin of the groom, of Cleveland, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen, of Indianapolis; Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen, and Mr. and Mrs. S. Cohen, all of Chicago; brothers and sisters-in-law of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. N. Rosenberg, and daughter, Susan Rosenberg and Mr. and Mrs. A. Lang and daughters, Andrea and Rochelle, of Chicago, brothers-in-law and sisters of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenberg, and son, Lawrence, brother-in-law and sister of the bride; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Greenberg and son, Harvey, of Stratford, Ont.

KESHEN-BINDER

The marriage of Miss Sandra Miriam Binder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Binstock, 18 Palmeraton Gardens, to Aaron Murray Keshen, son of Louis Keshen, 88 Rosewell Avenue, and the late Mrs. Rose Keshen, was solemnized in Torah Emuth Synagogue, on Sunday, October, 26, at half-past five o'clock, by Rabbi M. Ochs, assisted by Cantor J. Seigelman. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. The groom was given away by his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. I. Keshen. The bride was gowned in white silk; fashioned with long sleeves; a "V" neckline, front and back, with seed-pearl beading at the neckline and bodice; and a full skirt with a chapel train. Her fingertip, net veil was held by a tiara of pearl-beads, and she carried a white prayer book with a white orchid. Mrs. H. Cohen, sister of the bride, of Buffalo, N.Y., as matron of honour, wore a champagne-shaded peau de soie gown, with crystal beading; scattered on the bodice; and made with a semi-bell-shaped skirt. She had a matching head-band with a bow; and she carried a cascade of pink roses. The bridesmaids were: Misses Phyllis Risman, Marcia Goodman, Kay Gelb, and Barbara Perlov. Each wore a gown of Kelly green peau de soie, except for Miss Perlov, who wore apple-green. Each gown was made with a bell-shaped skirt over a sheath; long sleeves; and scoop neckline at the front, cut to a low "V" at the back. They had headbands, and carried cascades of pink roses. The junior bridesmaids were: Lorraine Birnbaum, aged twelve years; and Ruchama Baum, nine, cousins of the bride. They wore identical lime-green dresses, made with balloon-shaped skirts, and short sleeves. They had headbands and carried cascades of pink roses. The flower girl was Janice Rose, aged five years, who wore a peach-coloured, silk organza dress; and a headband, with a bow; and carried a basket of pink rose petals. Sidney Keshen, brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were: Ronald Jacobs, Marvin Berofsky, Marvin Litvak, and Fred Gore. The junior ushers were: David Keshen, aged eleven years, nephew of the groom; and Saul Jakubowitz, twelve, cousin of the bride. Martin David Keshen, aged five years, nephew of the groom, was ring-bearer. He wore a midnight-blue tuxedo suit. The Synagogue was decorated with standards of white chrysanthemums and gladioli. A reception followed at the Synagogue, and an orchestra played. Mrs. Binstock, mother of the bride, wore an ice-blue sheath, made with a trapeze-style back; a matching ostrich feather hat; and a corsage of red roses. Mrs. I. Keshen, sister-in-law of the groom, wore a royal-blue gown, with a bell shaped skirt, and short sleeves; a matching hat; and a corsage of pink roses. Mr. and Mrs. Keshen spent their honeymoon at the Nevele Country Club, in the Catskill Mountains of New York. The bride travelled in a black sealskin suit, fashioned with a three-quarter-length jacket; with a winter-white hat, and a white orchid corsage. They have taken up residence at 18 Palmeraton Gardens. Here for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. David Myer, of Halifax, N.S.

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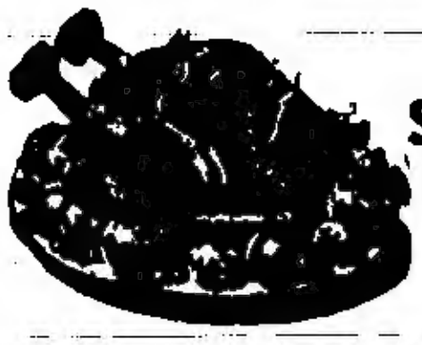

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JEWISH EDUCATION AND LIFE IN MEXICO

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personal and on a communal level. As elsewhere, the Ashkenazic group manifested feelings of superiority toward the Sephardim, and the latter in turn looked down resentfully upon the Ashkenazim.

It is of interest to note that the several Sephardic constituent groups themselves could not dwell together peaceably. Their social and cultural divergencies, so deeply rooted, finally led to the creation of three separate congregations or *sociedades*. The Arabic-speaking Damascus Jews remained in the *Alianza Monte Sinai*, while their Aleppo coreligionists organized *Sedaka y Marpe*, and the Turkish and Balkan Jews established *La Union Sefardi*.

In the course of time the Ashkenazim erected an extensive network of religious, philanthropic, socio-cultural, Jewish political, and educational institutions to serve their particular needs. The cultural energy of this "sector," perhaps symptomatic of tensions, anxieties, and insecurities of the early period of immigration, found expression in lectures, theatrical performances, political debates, literary evenings, recitals and musicales which drew large audiences. These activities stimulated and influenced the Sephardim, too, and served as the *elan vital* of the entire community.

Although the gap separating all the Jewish sectors in Mexico is still far from being completely closed, a better rapport was established between the groups by way of reaction to Hitler's atrocities in Europe, and was further strengthened with the proclamation of the Jewish State in Israel. Ashkenazic Jews now teach in and direct Sephardic schools. Cases of "intermarriage" between Ashkenazim and Sephardim, formerly a rarity, are more frequent.

At present there is hardly a Jew in Mexico, whether of the immigrant group or native-born, who is not affiliated with one or more of the organizations of all types covering the entire gamut of Jewish life. Although the active participation is not commensurate with membership rolls, the Jewish community *en masse* is wholeheartedly interested in Jewish problems and Jewish culture. The Jewish writer, lecturer, political leader, performing artist, and cantor finds in Mexico a warm, receptive audience, particularly among the Ashkenazim.

Mexico also offers a comparatively good market for Yiddish and Hebrew books. Although it is said that not many devote much time to reading, Yiddish, Hebrew, and Hispano-Jewish books are nonetheless found in 95% of Jewish "front rooms." Whether these are ever referred to, or whether they are merely placed as objects of adornment, there is no hesitation to display Jewish books.

Indicative of current reading interest of the community is the distribution of approximately 1,000 copies of *Der Veg* (a thrice-weekly) and an equal number of *Di Shtime* (a bi-weekly); several hundred copies of bi-monthlies in Yiddish, and several thousand copies of Jewish periodicals in Spanish. In addition to the above local publications, hundreds of copies of Yiddish dailies, weeklies, and other periodicals arrive in Mexico from the United States. All these publications are powerful instruments in shaping public opinion and in fostering Jewish national consciousness and culture.

Because of its economic position the Mexican Jewish community is able to encourage Jewish literary productivity both at home and abroad, through the Zvi Kessel foundation as well as through the aid of the Kremerman and Mendelson funds. Mexico is also to be credited with the publication of Graetz' *History of the Jews* in Spanish and with publication of the ten volume *Enciclopedia Judaica Castellana*.

Jewish culture outside the capital has been woefully neglected, except in the three cities Guadalajara, Monterrey, and Puebla. The dispersed groups lack cultural resources of the own and are even too small to be visited by the occasional guest lecturers and artists. They have no provisions for Jewish education of the young; neither is there any cultural activity offered to adolescents or adults. Their leisure time is generally devoted to *fiestas*, card parties, and domino games. Still, these "sociale" are instrumental in keeping the Jewish group together.

Jewish religious life in Mexico was started by the Arabic-speaking Jews, who in 1908 established the first synagogue in the country. In 1912 the *Beneficencia Alianza Monte Sinai*, a society planned to discharge the functions of a kehilah, was formed. Soon, with the arrival of families, the problem of religious education of the young became acute, and in 1917 the first Talmud Torah in the Mexican republic was opened.

At present, the Jewish community in Mexico, with the exception of the Aleppo group, which is said to be "ultra orthodox," approximates more a national type than a religious type. The behavior of the community tends to lean towards traditionalism rather than orthodoxy.

A survey conducted by this writer among 706 students in the Jewish schools of Mexico City, including those in the two upper grades of elementary schools, all classes of the high schools, the junior colleges and the teachers' seminary, revealed that 85% of the fathers work on the Sabbath and on Jewish holidays, and 80% of the mothers engage in cooking or shopping; while in 51% of the homes candles are lighted on these days. 69% prepare a *seder* or attend one; 70% eat only matzah at home during the Pesach week and 65% have separate dishes for the Passover holiday use. 60% of families, it was learned, buy kosher meat exclusively, and 44% keep separate dishes for use with milk and meat foods.

In the capital, there are 16 *minyanim* on the weekdays, 47 on the Sabbath, and a considerably larger number on the Jewish holidays. Almost the entire community attends services during the High Holidays. The Temple *Rabi Yehuda Halevi* of the Balkan and Turkish Sephardim is unique in that it possesses an organ. Every Friday night an appreciable audience comes to hear the organ play and the choir of fifty children from the *Colegio Hebreo Sefardi* sing.

The synagogues, of all the sectors alike, labor to perpetuate religious observances, customs and traditions. Besides *Kashrut* and similar religious usages that these institutions help to preserve, many practices of a social service nature, which have existed among Jews for ages, have been revived. These include *hakhnasat kallah*, *bikkur holim*, *matzah bessetar* and *gemilut hasadim*, to mention but a few.

The approximately 4,000 Jewish families in Mexico City are serviced by a personnel of 49 directly or indirectly paid religious functionaries — such as rabbis, *hahamim*, *shohatim*, *hazzanim*, etc. Such a staff might well meet the needs of a much larger community, and its size is due, in part, to the "sectorism" and duplication which permeates all areas of Jewish communal life.

Now a word about intermarriage. In the early period of immigration, intermarriage was not infrequent, because of the marked scarcity of Jewish women. Of the two thousand weddings recorded by the rabbis of the sectors, 150 were cases of mixed marriages. In 98% of these, it was the im-

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TORONTO MARRIAGES

CASH-SILVERSTEIN

The marriage of Miss Lillian Silverstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Silverstein, 18 Parkhill Road, to Dr. Stanley Cash, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cash, 24 Shallmar Boulevard, was solemnized at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, on Tuesday, November 4, at half-past five o'clock, by Dr. Stuart E. Rosenberg, Rabbi, assisted by Cantor A. Cooper. The bride was given in marriage by her parents. She was gowned in white peau de soie and lace appliqued on net, designed with a tight bodice; and a bouffant skirt, with lace and net inserts, extending into a train. Her veil was attached to a jewelled crown of pearl-beads and brilliants; and she carried a cascade of white orchids and stephanotis. The matron of honour was Mrs. L. Levenstein; and the maid of honour was Miss Syrelle Shainhouse. They wore identical balloon-effect gowns of cerise silk taffeta. They had headdresses of flat, matching bows; and carried cascade bouquets of red roses. The bridesmaids were: Mrs. Jack Brudner, Miss Mary Shainhouse; and Misses Sandra Macey, and Shirley Macey, of Ottawa. Their gowns were cerise on trapeze lines. Their headdresses were flat bows; and they carried cascade bouquets of red roses. The ushers were: Saul Silverstein, brother of the bride; Dr. H. Handler, Dr. S. Goldman, Dr. L. Organ, Arnold Korne, Bernard Cash, Phillip Daniels; and Murray Macey, of Ottawa. The Synagogue was decorated with standards of white chrysanthemums; and the canopy was adorned with white chrysanthemums and pink roses. For a reception following at the Synagogue, there was orchestra music. Mrs. Silverstein, mother of the bride, wore a gown of peach-coloured Alencon lace set over taffeta; and a tiny jewelled hat; with an orchid wrist bouquet. Mrs. Cash, mother of the groom, wore a trapeze gown of peach-coloured, embossed ribbon on net, over silk taffeta; a jewelled hat; and an orchid wrist bouquet. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley Cash spent their honeymoon at Miami Beach, Florida. The bride went away in a blue suit, trimmed with a sapphire-blue mink collar; and had a blue satin hat; and a white orchid corsage. They have taken up residence at 24 Shallmar Boulevard. Here for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stainhouse, uncle and aunt of the bride, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. Z. Macey, uncle and aunt, of the groom, of Ottawa, Ont.; and Mr. and Mrs. S. Rogovin, cousins of the bride, of Buffalo, N. Y.

BECKENSTEIN-MILLER

The marriage of Miss Eleanor Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Miller, 271 Winnett Avenue, to Hyman Beckenstein, son of Mrs. Zelda Beckenstein, 4657 La Peltrie Street, Montreal, Que., and the late Samuel Beckenstein, was solemnized at Torah Emath Synagogue, on Sunday, September 7, at half-past five o'clock, by Rabbi Marcus Ochs, assisted by Cantor J. Zigelman. The bride was given in marriage by her father. Her white peau de soie gown was fashioned with a boat-shaped neckline; long sleeves; a fitted Empire bodice; and full embroidered skirt which ended in a cathedral train. Her fingertip illusion veil was arranged with a pearl-beaded crown and she carried a cascade bouquet of pink and white roses. Mrs. Edward Kaufman, sister of the bride, of Buffalo, N. Y., was matron of honour, in a royal-blue, trapeze gown made with a scooped neckline; and had a matching velvet head-band. She carried a cascade bouquet of orange-shaded Tea roses. Barbara and Gloria Beck, nieces of the groom, were flower girls. Each wore a powder-blue organza dress with Peter Pan collar and a large bow in the back; with a head-band, and a bouquet of pink roses. Simon Bramson, of Montreal, Que., was best man. The ushers were: Gerald Hondar, Morris Dadoun, David Hirsh, all of Toronto; Edward Kaufman, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Harry Lester, Norman Bercovitch, and Lionel Liquornik, all of Montreal, Que.; and Harvey Gordon, of New York. Allan Seltzer, nephew of the groom, of New York, was ring-bearer. Fan-shaped standards of gladioli, gardenias, and chrysanthemums in various colours banked the altar and similar arrangements were tied with white satin bows on the aisle seats. A dinner and reception followed at the Synagogue. Sam Silver's orchestra played. Mrs. Miller, mother of the bride, wore a violet-coloured gown which had a lace bodice and matching chiffon bubble-shaped skirt; also a headpiece and a mauve orchid corsage. Mrs. Beckenstein, mother of the groom, wore a gown of beige lace which had a scooped neckline, straight skirt pleated in front at the hemline. She had a lace head-piece and a mauve orchid corsage. Mrs. R. Miller, grandmother of the bride, wore a beige lace sheath; with a head-piece, and a corsage of red roses. Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Beckenstein spent their wedding trip in Miami Beach, Florida, the bride travelling in a royal-blue taffeta dress made with a scooped neckline and bubble-shaped skirt; with a white fox stole; and a corsage of red roses. They have taken up residence at 271 Winnett Avenue. Among the wedding guests present were: Samuel Miller, Mrs. Fay Seltzer and son Allan; Mr. and Mrs. Myer Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Gordon, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Gordon and family, Mr. and Mrs. Myer Chomsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Chomsky, all of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaufman, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Kaufman, all of Buffalo, N. Y.; and Mr. and Mrs. Isadore Beck, of Montreal, Quebec.

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MONTREAL MEETINGS

●MAOR HAGOLA Rabbinical College fifteenth anniversary dinner, on January 4, at 8 p.m., in the Yeshivah Building, 5815 Jeanne Mance Street, will present Rabbi P. Hirschprung as guest speaker. Rabbi M. Moskovitz is Dean; Rabbi B. Borsykowski, Principal; M. Shapiro, president; arrangements committee: J. Beck, M. Edelstein. Other officers are: honorary president, M. Similnovitch; N. Gelber, N. Feifer, M.M. Green, L. Miller, H. Treitel, J. Beck, S. Dalfen, L. A. Litvack, H. Felder, S. Mosel, M. Edelstein; board of directors: S. Chamberg, chairman; L. Beck, M. Gorman, S. Amsel, S. D. Berneweig, M. Dalfen, J. Deitcher, Rabbi A. Edelstein, H. Etcovits, J. Feldman, H. Fried, L. Guth, B. Halpern, T. Hershcovitch, J. Hollender, F. M. Indaig, Dr. B. Orenstein, A. Reich, E. Reichman, E. Remar, B. Richler, O. Roskies, J. Stern, B. Tenenbaum, A. Weintraub.

●LABOR ZIONIST Movement National executive heard A. Reisa, Histadrut and Mapai leader, and I. Harevi, general secretary of Ihud Olami, in Israel, speak. P. Cruso, president of Poale Zion, in America was present. Reports were by: I. M. Bobrove, president, on the internal affairs of the Zionist Movement in Canada; L. Kronitz, vice-president, on the Canadian Jewish Congress of which he is a national executive; member; Captain Menachem Margalioth, from Ihud, on Aliyah activities and new groups; J. Rabinovitch, executive director, on future plans. P. Cruso gave an analysis of the problems of strengthening the Poale Zion in Canada and establishment of new groups. Mr. Reisa gave information on the internal political situation in Israel, the coming Knesset elections, and the Zionist World Congress. He said that the influence of the Poale Zion Movement here should be expressed in actual work and assistance to Mapai and Histadrut. He emphasized the importance of attracting the new generation into the Movement. He said that the Jewish masses were opposed to revisionist tactics. I. Harevi, who returned from a visit to eight South American countries on behalf of the World Zionist Labour Movement spoke about future plans. He stressed the importance of becoming an influential force in the life of the Jewish community. It was resolved to hold a national convention on December 25, 26, 27, in Toronto, in 1959.

●JEWISH CONVALESCENT Centre: Marcovitch and Schneider Group met at the home of Mrs. J. Joffre, 3460 St. Hubert Street, at a farewell party for the president; Mrs. D. Schneider, and her daughter, Miss Ruth Schneider, who went to Miami Beach, Florida, for the winter. Present were: Mesdames H. Schneider, M. Schneider, N. Finkel, I. Opolsky, M. Tiger, T. Downer, B. Brasloff, D. Cohen, I. Cohen, B. Goldenberg, A. Adilman, E. Aronson, L. Sperling, W. Morenstein, J. Masur, G. Frishling, M. Greenspoon, J. Levine, and Mrs. M. Kaufman who contributed to the Golden Book. Donations were received from: Mesdames H. Roll, H. Felsher, L. Sklar, H. Sklar, M. Singerman, S. Forman. Mrs. B. Brasloff won the raffle. Mrs. D. Schneider was presented with a gift. The next meeting, at the home of Mrs. S. Kirsh, 4960 Kent Avenue, with Mrs. G. Frishling as hostess is on December 30. Abram Basboim Unit met at the home of Mrs. J. Libben, 4145 Van Horne Avenue. Mrs. H. Waxman, president, presided. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. B. Findlay, social worker, who gave a talk on "Emotional Disturbances In Children." Mrs. A. Sinclair contributed to the Golden Book in the name of her granddaughter, Rhona Frances Etinson, 2146 Vincent Avenue, St. Laurent, for her fourteenth birthday. New members enrolled were: Mesdames M. Horer, S. Goodman, A. Libenstein, B. Karass. The raffle was won by Mrs. Findlay, the guest speaker. Mrs. L. Slapack thanked the hostess. A meeting was held at the home of Mrs. S. Goodman, 5005 St. Catherine Road. A rummage sale will be held on January 20 at Chevra Shaas Synagogue. The raffle was won by Mrs. J. Libben who gave a donation. The hostess was thanked by Mrs. A. Anderson.

●POSNER FAMILY CIRCLE was entertained at a Chanukah supper by Mr. and Mrs. David Bregman, 1434 Carol Crescent, St. Martin. The eldest brother, Samuel Posner, De L'Epee Avenue, led the prayer, and the grandchildren lit the candles. Morris Speigel and Louis Posner arranged the evening and Mrs. A. Posner thanked them. Alfred Schwartz, president, and Abe Wineck spoke. Gifts were given to the children from the Circle; the president; and Morris Speigel and Louis Posner. Each child entertained; and movies were shown.

●CHEVRA KADISHA-Bnai Jacob Synagogue, David Roth, Rabbi: Jacob, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Wasserman, 4999 Rosedale Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Torah on January 3, the occasion of his Bar-Mitzvah. For the subscription dinner sponsored of the Brotherhood on January 17, Hyman Singerman and Stanley Safe are chairmen. New members are: I. M. Cohen, H. Croll, R. Altrowa, P. Finklestein, I. Heft, M. Hirshfeld, S. Krupp, H. Leckner, H. Penner, B. Stein, L. Weinstein, S. Yaphe, J. Zikman. At the 87th Brownie Pack first enrolment Miss Norma Osler, District Guide Captain, enrolled: Judith Cohen, Marian Gruman, Janice Raby, Marlene Rynd, Cheryl Tessler. Brownies who received their first year stars for regular attendance were: Linda Himes, Carol Myers, Sheila Richler. Mrs. Leo Boloten is the Brownie leader.

●PIONEER WOMEN'S Organization: Massada Group tea at the home of Mrs. F. Tannenbaum, 4586 Dupuis Avenue. Mrs. G. Krantzberg, her daughter, read selections from Sholem Aleichem. The guest speaker, Mrs. L. Palevsky, gave her impressions of Israel. $225. was raised. Mrs. W. Goldin presided. A tea was given at the home of Mrs. S. Spunt, 1040 Van Horne Avenue. Mrs. L. Palevsky spoke on the Omna children's settlements in Israel. Mrs. Goldin, tea chairman, read an article from Brocha Hopatin, and thanked the hostess. $60. was raised. At a tea at the home of Mrs. P. Engel, 4070 St. Urbain Street, Mrs. E. Sohmer was guest speaker. Omna met at the home of Mrs. M. Dykler, 5605 Palmer Avenue. The guest speaker was B. Eisenberg, of the Board of Trade, who spoke on "Courtesy". Mrs. R. Chad is cultural chairman. Mrs. H. Herta, chairman, presided.

●MIZRACHI WOMEN'S Organization: Chapter meetings were: Chai, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Levine, 672 Caven Circle; Dvorah Brocha Schwartzbein, at headquarters, with Mrs. A. L. Pleskin as hostess, at which she bought a certificate in the Founders' Book for $100; Senior Ladies', at the home of Mrs. H. Levin, 4863 Jeanne Mance Street; Shoshana, at the home of Mrs. W. Shuchat, 550 Clarmont Avenue; Tekumah, at the home of Mrs. E. Klein, 763 Davaar Avenue. At 1.15 p.m., on January 6, Bar-Ilan Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. I. Aber, 6101 Cote St. Luc Road, at 8.00 p.m.; Schlomoh Avigdor Lieff, at the home of Mrs. A. Cohen, 4325 Borden Avenue; Rishonot, at the home of Mrs. A. Garellek, 5442 Waverley Street. At 9.00 p.m. on January 13, Sally Finkelstein Chapter meets at the home of Mrs. M. Schwey, 6520 Hutchison Street.

●TEMPLE EMANU-EL, Dr. Harry J. Stern, Rabbi: Friday, January 2, at 8.15 p.m.; sermon: "The Greatest Jew." An Oneg Shabbat and Reception will follow the worship in the new social hall of the Temple. Those taking part will be of the executive of the Mr. and Mrs. Club: Saul Perlman, David Metrick, Thomas Shustack, Bertram Horwitz, Bernard Bercuson, Dr. David Kobernick, Mrs. Harry Hiet, Mrs. Thomas Shustack. In charge of Oneg Shabbat: Mrs. Bernard Bercuson, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Harris, Harry Hiet, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Hoffman, Mrs. Bertram Horwitz, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Kerner, Mrs. David Kobernick, Mrs. David Metrick, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice A. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Morris, Mrs. Saul Perlman, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Walvis.

●B. & S. STEINHOUSE and Nachlas Zkeinim Inc., Ladies Auxiliary meeting took place at the Old People's Home, 4373 Esplanade Avenue. A raffle of a matzo bag, hand-embroidered by Mrs. B. Dinewitzer, was won by Mrs. R. Jacobson. At a meeting, Mrs. F. Roback was hostess; Mrs. D. Cohen presided.

●TIFERETH ISRAEL Congregation Junior Ladies Auxiliary: At a social, the raffle donated by the hostess, Mrs. M. Kalmanovitch, and drawn by her, was won by Mrs. R. Master, 4044 Mackenzie Street. Mrs. A. Goldberg assisted in serving.

●FEDERATION OF ROUMANIAN JEWS, Women's Division meeting was at the home of Mrs. Max Speir, 6212 Westbury Avenue. The raffle donated by Mrs. I. Schwartz, was won by Mrs. C. Weidenfield, who gave a donation. Mesdames T. A. Herscovitch and N. Herscovitch, assisted in serving. A meeting, on January 7, at 2.30 p.m., is at the home of Mrs. I. Roiter, 4130 Kent Avenue; friends invited.

●JEWISH CONVALESCENT Home of Montreal, Inc., meeting had Mesdames F. Baker and I. Plotnick taking part. Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Issie Maron, 5578 Waverley Street, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. Etcovitch, Mr. and Mrs. F. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Issie Maron, Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldwasser, Mesdames R. Nemeroff, D. Greenberg, I. Plotnick, I. Rimoin, M. Rosensweig, B. Caplan, B. Shindle, A. Sheiman, A. Greenberg, R. Cohen, A. Kusnitz, P. Wilner, S. Kipnis, and A. Walter who won the raffle. A donation was received from Mr. and Mrs. Issie Maron. The hostess, Mrs. I Rimoin, was thanked by Mrs. J. Goldwasser, president.

●PYTHIAN SISTERS, Calanthe Temple Number One meeting on Wednesday, January 7, at 8.00 p.m., is at the Beth Hamedrash Hagodol Synagogue. Refreshments will be served by Mrs. I. Winstan; Mesdames E. Bennett, H. Kirsch, S. Grand, are chairmen. Mrs. J. Dubrofsky will preside.

●SHOMRIM LABOKER-Beth Yehudeh-Sheare Tefillah Congregation, Dr. Chaim N. Denburg, Rabbi: Friday services, at 4.10 p.m.; Saturday, 8.45 a.m. Stephen Michael, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schneiderman, 4739 Kent Avenue, will be called to the Reading of the Torah, honouring his Bar-Mitzvah, on January 3. Sisterhood meets on January 7, at 8.30 p.m. Mrs. S. Gordon will preside. Friends invited. Breakfast Club meets Sunday after services at 8.30 a.m. Rabbi Denburg will lead a discussion at an open forum.

●HOSPITAL OF HOPE: Unit meeting January 5, at 1:30 p.m., is: Goodwill-Leonard Breger, at the home of Mrs. T. Borer, 3737 Van Horne Avenue; at 8:00 p.m. is: Esther Caplan, at the home of Mrs. M. Shulman, 5873 Decelles Avenue. Unit meeting on January 6, at 1:00 p.m., is: Baker-Kolker, luncheon, at the home of Mrs. L. Rappoport, 1225 Bernard Avenue West; at 2.00 p.m. are: Brian Tanenbaum, at the home of Mrs. J. Glazer, 836 McEachran Avenue; Leib Shumol Chaim Bachler, at the home of Mrs. A. Schildkraut, 3961 Barclay Avenue; Tevia Jacobs, at the home of Mrs. L. Dunn, 433 St. Joseph Boulevard West; at 8.00 p.m. are: Ben-Zion and Chana Siegal, at the home of Mrs. H. Schachter, 8225 Atherton Avenue; Chaim Revzen Junior, at the home of Mrs. H. Tanzer, 986 Davaar Avenue, where Miss Bernice Ackman, a member of this Unit, will be entertained prior to her marriage on January 25 to Max Goldstein. Miss Ackman is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Ackman. Mr. Goldstein is the son of Mrs. Annie Goldstein and the late Zelig Goldstein. Margolick meets on January 6 at the home of Mrs. Anne Beecher, 4855 Queen Mary Road; Ethel and Max Rostrogovitch, at the home of Mrs. T. Goldman, 5352 Westbury Avenue; Mordecai and Essie Baker, at the home of Mrs. A. Adilman, 5280 Walkley Avenue; Yoisef and Chasie Pinsky, at the home of Mrs. M. Pinsky, 5217 Rosedale Avenue: Units meeting on January 7, at 8:00 p.m., are: Sima and Isaac Rutman, at the home of Mrs. K. Pinsky, 6707 Mountain Sights Avenue; Frald-Phil. Cohen at the home of Mrs. H. A. Cohen, 5591 Bradford Place. Unit meeting on January 8, at 2:00 p.m., is: I. J. Borrin, at the home of Mrs. T. Cooper, 6791 Darlington Avenue; at 8:00 p.m. are: Chaim Revzen, at the home of Mrs. H. Klorfine, 385 Willowdale Avenue, social and card party; Hesha Berson and Rose Moss, at the home of Mrs. M. Malamud, 2112 Bedford Road. The Ethel and Max Rostrogovitch Unit met at the home of Mrs. J. Levine, 5524 Trans Island Avenue.

Adath Jeshurun Hadrath Kodesh Congregation officials are, from left to right: Nathan Cohen, 190 Pagnuelo Avenue, Montreal, co-chairman of the building committee; M. L. Caplan, 4805 St. Kevin Avenue, vice-president; Hyman Greenfield, 2382 St. Clare Road, campaign chairman; Hyman Falkind, 1043 Mount Royal Boulevard, building committee co-chairman; the Jamet S. Girvan, Ella Halperin, 3720 Kent Avenue, president; Percy Caplan, 4733 Westmount Boulevard, co-chairman of the building committee, with Mr. Cohen; also Robert Mayers, Frank Paperin, Paul Lapierre, Jack Archibald. Rabbi P. Hirshprung is the leader of the Congregation. At a luncheon at Young Israel Synagogue officers and building committee signed a contract for the building of the Synagogue Centre at Lavale and Emerel Streets. The luncheon was sponsored by Dolog Ramsen, vice-chairman of the building committee. Construction will begin on January 12, 1959. The Synagogue and Centre will be built in two stages, the first of which will cost $437,000.

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DEATHS

Mrs. Lily Kirstein, 5413 St. Urbain Street, died on Monday, December 15. She is survived by her husband, Nathan Kirstein; a son, Harvey; two brothers, Abe Kirstein, 32 St. Cyrille Avenue; Harry Kirstein, 2465 Beaudet Street; and a sister, Mrs. Annie Kirstein, 4060 La Peltrie Street. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Rabbi P. Hirshprung officiated, assisted by Reverend M. Master. Burial was at Adath Yeshurun-Hadrath Kodesh Cemetery.

Harry Sigman, 5240 King Edward Avenue, aged seventy-one years, died on Sunday, December 21. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eve Katz Sigman; two sons: Carl, 4828 Melrose Avenue; Moe, 4832 Melrose Avenue; a daughter, Mrs. B. Backman (Sara), 5240 King Edward Avenue; six grandchildren; and a brother, Joseph Sigman, 5549 Queen Mary Road. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Cantor J. Rosenzweig officiated. Burial was at the Hebrew Protective Association Cemetery. A native of Russia, Mr. Sigman came to this country from England fifty-three years ago, entering into the clothing business in which he continued until his semi-retirement fifteen years ago. He was a member of the Hebrew Protective Association, and of the Beth Hillel Synagogue.

Mae Staviss, 4873 Mackenzie Street, widower of the late Mrs. Rose Lyman Staviss, died on November 23. He is survived by two daughters: Mrs. Issie Farovitch (Fay), 6289 Mountain Sights Avenue; Mrs. Saul Hoffman (Sylvia), 4879 Mackenzie Street; three grandchildren: Arlene and Laurence Farovitch; and Roslyn Hoffman; and a sister, Mrs. Hyman Weiss (Lily), of Montreal. Funeral services took place from Paperman's. Dr. C. N. Denburg, Rabbi, officiated. Burial was at King George Sick Benefit Society Cemetery.

JEWISH EDUCATION AND LIFE IN MEXICO

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migrant male who took the Mexican girl to wife. The Jewish ceremony of these weddings usually occurred many years after the civil one, often on the occasion of a son's becoming *bar mitzvah* or of a daughter's debut or betrothal.

Among the second generation Jews intermarriage is said to occur only in very rare instances. The Jewish girl, by marrying out of her religion, would reduce her status to that of a Mexican wife, with all that this implies. The Jewish youth, on the other hand, cannot expect from the Mexican father-in-law a substantial dowry, an established business, a beautiful home and a car, which are usually his upon taking a Jewish bride.

The pride of the Jewish community are its schools. In its development, the process of Jewish education was closely related to the economic achievement of the group. In the immigrant period, when the settlers struggled for a bare existence in a strange land, their children attended the Mexican public schools together with the native poor, and the problem of Jewish education was solved either by tutorial instruction in the home or by supplementary training in a school situation. With the economic improvements of the Jews, began the exodus from the public elementary schools into the fashionable private schools a practice quite prevalent among the other ethnic and the native middle classes.

Jewish education, however, remained stationary for years. Both the Oriental and the East European Talmud Torahs, transplanted from the countries of origin, where they offered Jewish education on a full-day basis, were adapted in the new land to a part-time schedule. The children received their supplementary Jewish schooling before or after their general studies in the non-Jewish schools. The curriculum included the traditional subjects which constituted the core of religious education in the Old World.

This first phase of Jewish education, the supplementary one, which began as a communal enterprise in 1917, was gradually coming to an end by 1959. The total enrollment in these classes, from elementary school to yeshivot, is now about 400.

The second educational stage, the all-day schools, came into existence after many years of experimentation with supplementary training. An exception in the case was the *Colegio Israelita de Mexico*, established by the Ashkenazic sector in the capital as early as 1924, and the *Colegio Israelita Hatikva de Monterrey*, opened ten years later by the small Ashkenazic community there. However, both day schools together had only 262 students in 1935.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DIVORCE

NOTICE is hereby given that BERNARD LAURENCE BOIRE of the Town of Preville, in the District of Montreal, Province of Quebec, Insurance Adjuster, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the present or next following session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from his wife, MARY ELIZABETH SHANNON BOIRE, Secretary, formerly of the City and District of Montreal, and now of the Town of Marblehead, State of Massachusetts, on the ground of adultery.

Dated at Montreal, Province of Quebec, this 16th day of December, 1958.
Morton Bell,
Attorney for the Petitioner,
10 St. James Street West,
Suite 909, Montreal, Quebec.

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NOTICE is hereby given that PHYLLIDA FAIRBAIRN SMITH DRAPER, housewife, of the City and District of Montreal in the Province of Quebec, will apply to the Parliament of Canada, at the next or following session thereof, for a Bill of Divorce from her husband, GILBERT JOHAN DRAPER, real estate broker, of the City and District of Montreal in the Province of Quebec, on the ground of adultery.

Dated at Montreal, Province of Quebec, this 26th day of November, 1958.
Brais, Campbell, Mercier & Leduc,
Solicitors for Applicant,
Suite 811, Bank Building,
360 St. James Street West,
Montreal, P.Q.

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Montreal, December 22nd, 1958.
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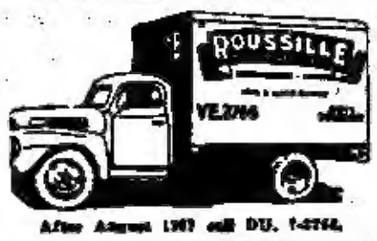

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Social Notes — Toronto

Mr. and Mrs. David Vise, 21 Dale Avenue, visited her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Robbins, of Long Island, N.Y., and are in Cambridge, Mass., to spend some time with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Vise, and their children, Thomas Beall and David.

Mrs. H. Eisen, 2601 Bathurst Street, and Mrs. J. Vanek, 310 Rosemary Road, are leaving on January 15, for Miami Beach, Florida, where they will spend two months.

Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Davies, 11 Park Lane Circle; and her father, Ben Sadowski, 561 Avenue Road, are in Palm Beach, Florida.

Miss Ilene Mandel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Mandel, 19 Northmount Avenue, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Liss, 22 Northmount Avenue, are in Miami Beach, Florida, for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Leder, 1366 Eglington Avenue West, and their son, Manuel Leder, 27 Leis Avenue, will fly to Miami Beach, Florida, for a four-week holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cowan, 242 Hillhurst Boulevard, are leaving on January 8 to spend three weeks in Nassau, the Bahamas.

Max Katz, 523 Coldstream Avenue, stopped at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Shacter, 921 Concession Street, Hamilton, Ont., formerly of Toronto, have taken up residence at White Plains, N.Y.

Misses Esther Rich, 678 Crawford Street, and Elaine Lukatch, 4 Heddington Avenue, are spending a week in New York.

Miss Barbara Shible, 89 Belgravia Avenue, is spending a few days in Toledo, Ohio, visiting her brother, David Shible; and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Levinson, and their daughters, Freda, Marilyn, Mildred, Norma, and Helen.

Miss Rose Kaporovsky, 77 Chiltern Hill Road, is in Montreal, Que., visiting her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kaplansky, and their daughter, Miss Miriam Kaplansky, 5443 Waverley Street.

Miss Florence Goldstein and brother, Albert Goldstein, 625 Woburn Avenue; and their aunt, Mrs. Anne Pasternak, 100 Markham Street, are visiting the formers' uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Garfinkle, of Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. I. Goldstein and children, Miss Florence Goldstein, and Albert Goldstein, 19 Rusholme Drive, will take up residence at 625 Woburn Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Zelick Posner, 42 Lynn Haven Road, are back from a two-week vacation in Miami Beach, Florida, at the Nautilus Hotel.

Miss Ida Albright, 34 Northcliffe Boulevard, and Miss Estelle Venis, 2400 Bathurst Street, flew to Mexico where they will spend several weeks visiting Mexico City, Tasco, and Acapulco; and will also spend some time in San Diego and Los Angeles, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lanys, 462 Lawrence Avenue West, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bregman, and twin daughters, Jody Lynn and Cory Jill, and son, Michael David, 2 Carousel Court, will drive to Miami Beach, Florida for a stay of several weeks.

Howard Donsky, 8 Flanders Road; Gerald Shugar, 195 Rosemary Road; Jonathan Feinberg, 154 Old Forest Hill Road; and Alfred Margulies, 159 Shelborne Avenue, drove to Miami Beach, Florida, for a two-week stay.

Arthur Tarshis, 39 Markdale Avenue; H. Wolstat, 46 Baycrest Avenue; Henry Ross, 560 Delaraine Avenue; and Franklin Pulver, 95 Invermay Avenue, are spending two weeks in New York.

Herbert Handler, 36 Dundurn Crescent, flew to Miami Beach, Florida, for a two-week holiday.

Fern, aged ten years; and Michael, fourteen, children of Mr. and Mrs. H. Petroff, 519 St. Clements Avenue, are visiting their cousins, Gilda, aged ten years; and Bruce, fourteen, children of Mr. and Mrs. Z. Castor, 1 Sickles Street, New York, during the holidays.

Miss Frances Shidlowski, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. Shidlowski, 20 Rosseau Road; and Gerald Goldberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Goldberg, 10 Denbigh Crescent, were entertained at a "come-and-go" party, to celebrate their engagement, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wise, 135 Almore Avenue. The host was Alan Tytel, brother of Mrs. Wise.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tkatch and children, Janice Marlene and Gibbi Brian, 99 Frontenac Avenue, had his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Tkatch, of Montreal, Que., visiting them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Spector and children, Karen and Wendy, 18 Fraserwood Avenue, visited her mother, Mrs. M. Miller, 4875 Maplewood Avenue, Montreal, Que.

Dr. and Mrs. Irving Dain, 117 Broadway Avenue, will be in Montreal, Que., for the marriage of Miss Lillian Hershenfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Hershenfield, 4772 Bouchette Street, to Mark Zunder, son of Mrs. Bessie Zunder, of Ottawa, Ont., and the late Isaac Zunder, on January 11, at Shomrim Laboker-Beth Yehuda Synagogue and Shaare Tefillah.

Mrs. Harry Schacter, 227 Dunvegan Road, spent some time at the Marseilles Hotel, in Miami Beach, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Pearlston, 2400 Bathurst Street, will leave shortly for Mexico where they will spend a week in Mexico City and three weeks in Acapulco.

Miss Frances Burack, 15 Amos Crescent, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Burack, and the fiancee of Oscar Muchnick, 61 Grange Avenue, son of Mrs. Bertha Muchnick, of Montreal, Que., and the late Philip Muchnick, was guest of honour at a shower at Murray House, with one hundred and twenty-five guests. The hostesses were: Mesdames Samuel Lastman, 528 Glengarry Avenue, aunt of the bride-elect; Nathan Lastman, 630 Vesta Drive, cousin of the bride-elect; and Benjamin Gotlib, 15 Amos Crescent; and Joseph Silver, 14 Chater Court, sisters of the bride-elect. Mrs. S. Lastman wore a black taffeta dress made with a full skirt; Mrs. N. Lastman, a black silk sheath, made with long sleeves; and draped at the side; Mrs. Gotlib, a black taffeta sheath, with a square neckline, and puffed sleeves; Mrs. Silver wore a black silk sheath, with a high neckline coming to a V in back, and long sleeves. Their corsages were of red roses. Miss Burack, the honoured guest, wore a sleeveless, powder-blue silk dress, made with a full skirt, and bodice embroidered with iridescent sequins; and had a wrist bouquet of white gardenias. The hostesses and honoured guest sat at the head table which was arranged with pink and white roses, carnations, snapdragons, and chrysanthemums, with pink tapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bliman, 800 St. Clair Avenue West, received eighty guests at a buffet dinner at the Seaway Hotel, on the sixteenth birthday of their daughter, Lorraine. She is the sister of Albert Bliman, aged twenty years; granddaughter of Mrs. P. Fromovitz, 199 Brunswick Avenue, and the late L. Fromovitz. Mrs. Bliman wore a pale blue peau de soie sheath, trimmed with lace at the neckline; and a corsage of peach-coloured roses. Lorraine wore a light blue brocaded satin dress, and light blue gloves; and had a wrist bouquet of pink roses. Those who lit the candles were the above family members and: Mr. and Mrs. M. Avenus, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fromer, Jack Fromovitz and son Carl; uncles and aunts; her cousins, Brenda and Beverly Fromer, Lyla Avenue, and Miss Ruth Fromovitz, and her fiance, Irving Hanick; Sharon Backstein, Sharon Cargotch, Susan Greenspan, and Adele Chapman; Janet Donin, Lorraine Hoffman, Rochelle Grossberg, Fauna Rotterman, Philip Fellen, Melvin Naiman, Sheldon Sonenberg, Jerry Greenberg, Larry Hersh, Samuel Zellin, Lawrence Feldberg, Saul Rosen, and Victor Schacter. The table was decorated with a heart-shaped birthday cake inscribed in pale pink and trimmed with pink rosebuds. The individual tables were adorned with pink roses and white carnations with pink tapers.

Miss Ruth Fromovitz, daughter of Jack Fromovitz, 199 Brunswick Avenue, and the late Mrs. Lily Fromovitz, and the fiancee of Irving Hanick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hanick, 36 Robbie Avenue, was the guest of honour at a luncheon at Murray House, given by her aunt, Mrs. Max Freedman, 29 Charleswood Drive. The hostess wore a two-piece, pink wool suit, with a navy-blue hat. Mrs. Hanick, mother of the groom-elect, wore an orange-coloured wool dress made with a straight lined skirt and blouson top, trimmed in black around the high rounded neckline, and a black hat trimmed in an orange-colour. Mrs. Pearl Fromovitz, grandmother of the bride-elect, 199 Brunswick Avenue, assisted in receiving, in a grey wool suit, with a royal-blue hat. Miss Ruth Fromovitz, the honoured guest wore a brown tweed suit, trimmed with a mink collar; and a brown feathered hat; and she had a corsage of pink roses. Also present were: Mrs. Joseph Berman, 1054½ Gerrard Street East, cousin of the bride-elect; and her mother-in-law, Mrs. M. Berenbaum, 64 Brunfield Avenue; Mrs. Norman Freedman, 115 Kennard Avenue, cousin of the bride-elect, and her mother, Mrs. S. Speigel, 57 Kendal Avenue; Mrs. I. Fox, Cavotti Crescent, aunt of the groom-elect; and Mrs. S. Bliman and her daughter, Lorraine, 800 St. Clair Avenue West, aunt of the bride-elect. The table was decorated with vari-coloured carnations and chrysanthemums.

Joel Ian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Melzer, 281 Winona Drive, was called to the Reading of the Law, in celebration of his bar-mitzvah, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. He is the brother of Miss Ruth Melzer, aged seventeen years; and Mrs. F. Borovoy (Annette), 668 Bloor Street West; grandson of Mrs. H. Rumack, 11 Oxford Street; and of Mrs. Nettie Melzer, 30 Division Street. A Kiddush luncheon took place at their home. That evening at the Synagogue, at a dinner, one hundred and fifty guests were present. Mrs. Melzer wore a black sheath, brocaded with silver threads; with a rounded neckline; and worn with a bolero jacket; and had a corsage of white carnations. Mrs. Borovoy, sister of the bar-mitzvah, wore black lace over pink lame; made with a straight skirt caught up at the hemline; a rounded neckline; and a bolero jacket. She had a corsage of pink and white carnations. Miss Ruth Melzer, a sister, wore an iridescent black dress, made with a full skirt, and rounded neckline, and cap sleeves; and she had a wrist bouquet of pink and white carnations. Seated at the head-table with the above family members, was Rabbi Walter Wurzburger. The head-table was decorated with a centerpiece of blue and white carnations, and chrysanthemums, with blue and white tapers; and a white birthday cake, inscribed in blue. Mrs. R. Borovoy, sister of the bar-mitzvah, was master of ceremonies. Out-of-town guests present were: Mr. and Mrs. M. Lieberman, of Hamilton, Ont.; and Mr. and Mrs. Morris Eisen, of Buffalo, N. Y.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Miss Gail Tarant, 11 Kreiger Crescent, daughter of Mrs. E. Tarant, of Manchester, England, and the late H. Tarant, to Jack Steinberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mannie Steinberg, 141 Palm Drive, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heller, 89 Palm Drive, announced the engagement of their daughter Doreen, to Sydney David Livingstone, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Livingstone, 30 Silverton Avenue. The marriage will take place on September 15, 1959, at the Adath Israel Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Bederman, 84 Ranee Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Rhoda, to Edward Izen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Izen, 6 Graymar Avenue. The marriage will take place on November 15, 1959, at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Grossberg, 863 Whitmore Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Linda Grossberg, to Michael Farber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Farber, 41 Elm Ridge Drive.

The engagement of Miss Frances Burack, 15 Amos Crescent, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Burack, to Oscar Muchnick, 61 Grange Avenue, son of Mrs. Bertha Muchnick, of Montreal, Que., and the late Philip Muchnick, is announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Taylor, 11 Wembley Road, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Gail Frances Taylor, to Leonard Klebanoff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Klebanoff, 24 Dewbourne Avenue.

APPROACHING MARRIAGES

Mr. and Mrs. A. Goldberg, 54 Bunty Lane, Bayview Village, Willowdale, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Harriet Frances Goldberg, to Harry (Zvi) Ferens, of Haifa, Israel, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Ferens, to take place on Tuesday, January 27, in Haifa, Israel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Rochman, 282 Robert Street, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Miss Shirley Rochman, to Marvin Dryer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Dryer, 20 Fraserwood Avenue, on Sunday, January 4, in Beth Sholom Synagogue, with Rabbi David Monson officiating.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Abe Breitman (nee Sara Carson, formerly of Toronto), of Arnprior, Ontario, on December 10, in Arnprior Hospital, a son, Michael Elliot.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenberg (nee Barbara Handelman), 198 Brighton Avenue, on December 10, at Women's College Hospital, a daughter, Fawn; sister of Perry Lionel, aged one and one-half years; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Handelman, of London, Ont.; and of Mr. and Mrs. Max Rosenberg, 54 Clarton Boulevard; great - grandaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. Handelman, 128 Manning Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Castor (nee Laura Mickey Katz), 124 Tavistock Road, on December 10, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Steven Randy; brother of Ellen Rhonda, aged three and one-half years. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Neskar, 18 Rosseau Road.

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TORONTO MEETINGS

●**HEBREW WESTON** Sanntorium: A Chanukah visit to the hospital was made by conveners, Mrs. M. Brown, and Mrs. H. Buckstan; co-convener, Mrs. H. Hoffman; and also from the group, Mesdames S. Greenberg, M. Goldstein, and R. Greene. Home baking and gifts were given to patients, and goodies were left for the wards and children's wards. A meeting and Chanukah social for the members, was at the home of Mrs. B. Walker, 110 Vesta Drive.

●**MOUNT SINAI LODGE**, A. F. and A. M., at the Freemasons Hall, with worshipful brother, Morton L. Levy, past-master, as chairman, saw Mr. Levy install Leonard I. Levy, his son, as worshipful master. Also installed were: William Sealler, Meyer Harris, David List, Frederick Harris, Gordon Book, Harry Fox, Ned. Austin, Samuel Stambler, Clifford Tassie. Mayor Nathan Phillips installed his son, Howard A. Phillips, as immediate past-president.

●**HADASSAH** Organization of Toronto: An Israel fashion festival, at a dessert luncheon, at Beth Tzedec banquet hall, ended its Israel Bond drive of which Mrs. Morris Zweig and Mrs. Alfred Freeman are chairmen. Mrs. Zweig introduced the head table guests: Mesdames Mendell Israelson, Chan chairman of purchasers of $2,500 of Israel Bonds; J. C. Zacks, chairman of standard-bearers; Max Tannenbaum, chairman of Women of Valor; Wilferd Gordon, president of Toronto Hadassah; Mark A. Levy, co-chairman of women's division of Bond Organization; also Lief Erickson, guest speaker, of TV, stage, and screen; Morris Zweig, Hadassah Israel Bond chairman; Alfred Freeman, co-chairman; Miss Marilyn Cantor, daughter of Eddie Cantor, commentator for the fashion festival; Dr. Aaron Kahan, director of the Toronto Israel Bond Committee; Mesdames John A. Devor, vice-president of Hadassah; Morris Kaufman, head of women's division of the Israel Bond sponsor's committee; Samuel B. Hurwich, co-chairman of women's division of the Bond Organization; Morris Rosenberg, director of women's division of the Bond Organization. Mrs. Zweig introduced Mrs. Wilferd Gordon, president of Toronto Hadassah, who spoke. Lief Erikson recited a paper written by Franklin D. Roosevelt which he never delivered, on "Peace To Come". He also spoke of the work which Hadassah and other organizations do to aid Israel's progress. Clothes by Israeli designers, Finni Leitersdorf, Lola Beer, and Lilli Schliefer, were shown by professional models. Admission to the luncheon fashion show was complimentary to Hadassah Israel Bond subscribers of 1958. These Bond chairmen had corsages of carnations: Mesdames Nathan Shafran, chairman of Aliyah; Herbert Fruitman, of Annie Wolfson; Isadore Cass, Milton Shier, of Aviva; Irving Horowitz, of Ben-Gurion; M. Mitchell, of Beth Alpha; Sydney Beard, of Beth El; Philip Drabinsky, of Beth Gan; Samuel Shatz, of Bialik; E. Forman, of Carmel; J. Barenstein, of Central; Harold Hands, of Daganya; Samuel Stork, of Daughter of Zion; Gabriel Grushcow, of Deborah; Alex Cooper, of Eban; N. Latowsky, of Eilat; John Daniels, of Emek; Harry Donin, of Galil; Julius Nestel, of Golda Meir; Miss Patsy Feigen, of Hadassim; Mesdames Julius Fine, of Haifa; Albert Salutin, Lilian Lavine, of Hatikvah; Murray Caplan, of Hedara; Charles Coblens, of Henrietta Szold; William Gordon, Irving Lerman, of Herzlia; Benjamin Levinter, of Israeli; Sol. Nusbaum, of Kadimah; Jack Posluns, of Kinnereth; Louis Track, of Lillian Freiman; Gary Glustein, Allen Simon, of Medinah; Marvin Kalifer, of Menorah; M. Spring, of Miriam; Morris Nash, of Modin; William E. Wolfish, of Nahaliel; J. C. Zacks, of Naomi; Miss Esther Weingarten, of Natanya; Miss Gertrude Rosen, of Negev; Howard Perlmutter, of Noar; Saul Ross, of Northern; Murray Auerback, I. Rothbart, of Olga Shayne; Louis Rapp, of Pearl Goodfellow; Samuel Seigel, of Queen Esther; Joseph Kleinstein, of Rehovot; Melvin Samuel, of Reyah; Harry Eisen, Miss Jewel Schwartz, of Rishon; Mesdames Morris Nathanson, of Rose Dunkelman; M. Bockner, of Ruth; Alfred Caplan, of Sabra; Ian Fagot, of Sarafand; J. Hurwitz, Jennie Jacobs, of Schmarye Levine; Henry Rosenberg, of Scopus; Benjamin Winbaum, of Shalom; Manuel Swadron, of Sharon; Miss Ritz Falder, of Shirah; Henry Green, of Tamar; Nathan Schwartz, of Tel-Aviv; Sidney Levy, of Tel-Hai; Wolfe Goldberg, of Weizmann; Joseph Borinsky, of Western; Harry Silver, of Yaffah; Harvey Kalef, of Ziona.

●**MIZRACHI WOMEN'S** Organization: "Evening In Israel", at the home of Mrs. M. Citron, 55 Old Park Road, ended the Israel Bond drive of the Organization. The guest speaker was Miss Marilyn Cantor, daughter of the famous actor-comedian, Eddie Cantor. She spoke on her experiences in Israel and on the work her father has done for the establishment of the state of Israel. He is now the national chairman for Builders of Israel. Miss Varda Hall sang Israeli and Hebraic songs, and Eli Kasner, Israeli guitarist, played. Conveners were: Mrs. Kate Devor and Mrs. Samuel Kaminker, president of Minnie Etlin Chapter, who presided. Mrs. Mark Levy, who thanked Miss Cantor and the Mizrachi Women for their help, and Mrs. Samuel Hurwich, who spoke for the Israeli Bond committee, are its Women's Division chairmen. Refreshments were served by the social conveners: Mesdames Ben Pearlman, M. Weisblott, H. Lucatch, J. Tarshis, Max Kurtz, M. Chesley. Mrs. H. Lucatch, president of the Mizrachi Women's Council, poured the beverage.

●**HERZL ZION WOMEN'S** Auxiliary card night, cake and auction sale, at York Memorial Hall, with two hundred guests, raised about $600 for the Beersheba Sports Centre in Israel. Mrs. Saul E. Shugar is president; chairmen: Mrs. H. Appleton, Mrs. G. Jacobs. At a movie night at the home of Mrs. Leona Lewis, 46 Acton Avenue, $40 was raised for the Beersheba Sports Centre.

●**ROKEAH** Pharmaceutical Association Ladies Auxiliary held a twenty-fourth birthday meeting. Mrs. I. Fine is president. Reports were given by: Mesdames A. Federman, M. Langer, A. Gorlick, M. Elias, M. Landis, L. Keston, D. Cappe, M. A. Cappe. In a panel discussion Mesdames: N. Charles, spoke on "The Effect Of Nursery School Education On The Pre-School Child" M. Vernon, on "Religion In The Public Schools"; M. Englander on "Sex Education In Schools"; S. Richardson on "Raising The Standards For Qualified Teachers In Public And High Schools." Refreshments included a birthday cake and were served in cabaret style. Conveners were: Mesdames L. Kirk, H. Barlin, S. Bookbinder.

●**PIONEER WOMEN'S** Organization: Galila Club met at the home of Mrs. H. Presant, 89 Dell Park Avenue, Mrs. J. Einstoss, vice-president, presiding. The guest speaker, Mrs. M. Kamin, cultural chairman of Club Avodah, spoke on the Tenth Anniversary of the state of Israel. She was introduced and thanked by Mrs. J. Prasow. The hostess, Mrs. Presant, was presented with a gift for her new home by Mrs. A. Matenko.

●**BETH SHOLOM** Synagogue, Rabbi David Monson: Accompanied by J. Goldenberg, youth director, Carolyn Appleby, 20 Wembley Road; Howard Kerbel, 559 Eglinton Avenue West; Gerald Cooper, 734 Briar Hill Avenue; Martin Sussman, 10 Fernwood Road; were in Buffalo, N.Y., to attend the United Synagogue Youth convention, at the Hotel Statler, for three days.

●**BETH AM** Synagogue, Rabbi Shamai Kanter: At the annual pre-New Year's Dance of the Youth Group Marlene Kupsov was chosen "Miss Beth Am". Conveners were: Marlene Kupsov, Bonnie Zolt, Alan Caplan. There were novelty dances, and door prizes. Refreshments were served cabaret style by the committee: Annette Uravitz, girls' chairman; Faith Hiller, Sharon Pilsmaker, Josie Weintraub, presidents; Frances Weinstraub, Rosalind Staiman; Alan Caplan, boys' chairman; Charles Marcus, Hershel Weiner, Morty Weisberg, president; Barry Walton, Michael Simon, Larry Bossin.

BIRTHS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Lieberman (nee Esther Shumak), of Montreal, Que., formerly of Toronto, on November 11, at the Royal Victoria Hospital, a son, Daniel Michael; brother of Jody, aged five years; and Susan, three; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lieberman, 99 Borden Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Shumak, 299 Hillmount Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Saunders (nee Diana Karoll), 14 Sumner Heights Drive, Willowdale, on December 9, at Women's College Hospital, a daughter, Lynn Ellen; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Saunders, 102 Rajah Street; and of H. Karoll; and Mrs. S. Karoll; both of Chicago; great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Korolnek, 35 Baldwin Street.

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. Samuel J. Birenbaum (nee Grace Goldberg), 68 Samba Drive, on December 9, at Toronto Wellesley Hospital, a son, David Allen; brother of Rhonda Carol, aged two and one-half years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goldberg, 102 Brookview Drive; and of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Birenbaum, 98 Highland Hill; great-grandson of Mrs. Zelda Goldberg, 1862 Bathurst Street; and of Rabbi and Mrs. M. W. Beckerman, of Bronx, N. Y. Godparents are Miss Barbara Goldberg, 102 Brookview Avenue, aunt; and her fiance, Roy Snider., 232 Viewmount Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Antman (nee Marian Cohen), 546 Glengrove Avenue West, on December 8, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Brian Michael, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cohen, 546 Glengrove Avenue West; and of Mrs. B. Antman, of New York, and the late Benjamin Antman. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Irving Steinberg, 81 Combe Avenue, cousins.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Tkatch (nee Patti Cousins), 99 Frontenac Avenue, on November 29, at New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Gibbi Brian, brother of Janice Marlene, aged three years; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. David Cousins, 1603 Bathurst Street; and of Mr. and Mrs. S. Tkatch, of Montreal, Que.; great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. H. Shoot, 2 Ridelle Avenue.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. S. Chusid (nee Yvonne Nesker), 6 Croydon Road, on Friday, December 12, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a son, Barry Michael; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hardy Nesker, 47 Wenderley Drive; and of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chusid, 294 Markham Street; great-grandson of Mrs. Dora Weinert, 92 Winnett Avenue. Godparents are Mr. and Mrs. Murray Chusid, 269 Brighton Avenue, uncle and aunt.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sperling (nee Shirley Zweig), of Bethpage, Long Island, N. Y., on December 7, a daughter, Carol Lee; sister of Allan, aged six years; Nancy, four years; and Jeffrey, twenty - one months; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Zweig, 630 Lonsdale Road, Toronto; and of Mrs. Max Mannis, of Bronx, N. Y., and the late Joseph Sperling. Mrs. Sperling is formerly of Toronto.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Resnick (nee Ruth Cornfield), 420 Glengrove Avenue West, on December 17, at the Toronto General Hospital, a son, Edward Jonathan; brother of Andrew, aged five and one-half years; and of Julea, twenty-two months.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Granek, (nee Betty Heisel), 94 Cuffley Crescent North, on December 5, at Women's College Hospital, a daughter, Cindy Ann; sister of Fred, aged nine years; and of Barby, four and one-half; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Heisel, 38 Rogers Road; and of Mr. and Mrs. M. Granek, 460 College Street.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Michael Shrott (nee Helen Pasternak), 105 Anthony Road, on December 19, at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, a daughter, Michelle Ann; granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Shrott, 81 Prince Charles Drive; and of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pasternak, 111 Barton Avenue.

DEATHS

Mack R. Gould, 884 Avenue Road, died at the New Mount Sinai Hospital, on Wednesday, December 17, at the age of fifty-eight years. He is survived by his wife, Clara Gould; a son, Allan Gould, 52 Cockafield Avenue; a daughter, Mrs. H. Turk (Roslyn), 15 Baintree Court West; a brother, Joseph Gould, of Detroit, Michigan; a sister, Mrs. O. Bobkin (Bertha), 327 Richview Avenue; and a granddaughter, Ellen, aged one and one-half years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Turk. Rabbi David Monson officiated at the funeral service at College Memorial Chapel. Interment was at Dawes Road Cemetery. Shiva was at home.

Morris Schwartz, 140 Bannockburn Avenue, died suddenly on Thursday, December 4, at the age of fifty-three years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Evelyn Schwartz; two daughters: Mrs. Stanley Weiman (Zelda); Mrs. Milton Bland (Mindy); a son, Leonard; his mother, Mrs. Leah Schwartz; two brothers: Samuel and Max; four sisters: Mrs. Joseph Simlewitz (Temma); Mrs. Alter Beck (Hilda); Mrs. Samuel Kalmanson (Sheila); Mrs. Samuel Weisenberg (Gertie), of Detroit, Mich.; and a grandson, Jeffrey Weiman. Rabbi William Hershkowitz officated at funeral services at Shaare Tefillah Synagogue. Interment was at Dawes Road Cemetery. Shiva was at 140 Bannockburn Avenue.

Cards Of Thanks

GOODMAN: The family of the late Rebecca Goodman, 1482 Queen Street, West, wish to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their kindness and sympathy, so generously extended to them during the loss of their dearly beloved mother. The Goodman family.

LEADERS URGE

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Jewish community to have "one representative, democratically constituted" organization to act as its spokesman. He declared that there should be a willingness "to rise above the vested interests in Jewish leadership" to create such a body.

A plaque was presented to Samuel Daroff, of Philadelphia, in recognition of his work as a member of the Congress and as a leader of the Jewish community, says the New York Times. The plaque signified that a room in his honor has been dedicated at the Stephen Wise Congress House, Congress national headquarters in New York.

JEWISH EDUCATION AND LIFE IN MEXICO

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The effect of the Hitler massacres in Europe, which intensified Jewish national consciousness the world over, was even keener in Mexico. The urge for cultural survival was expressed, above all, in the deep concern about the future of the growing generation.

The desire to bring the children into a Jewish environment, on the one hand, and on the other, the quest for a more thorough Jewish education, offered in the same school where the child receives his general training, led to the establishment of eight additional all-day schools in the country, four organized in the '40's, and four in the '50's.

The ten all-day schools enjoy a registration of 3,790 students, of whom 2,399 are Ashkenazic and 1,391 are Sephardic. The largest schools are *Colegio Israelita de Mexico* with an enrollment of 1,081, and *Escuela Israelita Yavne* and *Colegio Hebreo Sefardi*, with over 600 each.

Ideologically, the all-day schools fall into two main types: (1) national secular and (2) national religious. In contrast to that of the religiously oriented schools, the curriculum of the secular *colegios* does not include the study of prayer and rituals, nor are the students in these schools required to put on skull caps during the Jewish studies.

Similarly, the selected Jewish customs and ways of life are studied not so much as a part of religious law and ritual but rather as significant elements of the Jewish cultural pattern, as integral traits of the ethnic culture, deemed potent barriers against assimilation and disintegration.

In consonance with the religious behavior of the community, the secular all-day schools have an enrollment of 2,919, or 77% of the entire Jewish population, and the religious only 871, or 23%. In line with the cultural ideas of the Ashkenazic sector, which considers Yiddish an integral constituent of *yiddishkayt*, fully 2,109 students, about 88% of the Ashkenazic all-day school population, attend *colegios* which teach both Yiddish and Hebrew.

The Sephardim, naturally, do not include Yiddish in the curriculum of their schools, but neither do they teach Ladino or Arabic, the languages of communication in their countries of origin. It should be pointed out that for all general studies, prescribed by the government, the language of instruction in all the day-schools is Spanish.

Parenthetically, it is of interest that the Jewish day-schools admit a number of non-Jewish students, as an act of goodwill between Jews and natives. While the majority of these students attend the general courses only, some proudly remain for the Jewish subjects too.

The common elements of the Jewish curriculum in all of the schools include Bible, Hebrew language and literature, Jewish history, as well as singing and dramatics. The time devoted to Jewish studies ranges from ten to fifteen hours weekly on the various educational levels.

The schools celebrate and observe the Jewish holidays and memorial days with appropriate programs and ceremonies. Especially festive and impressive are the gala year-end performances which have become a traditional imperative in all Jewish *colegios*, drawing hundreds of spectators.

Of the 3,790 students attending these schools, 699 are registered in the kindergarten departments; 2,323 in the elementary schools; 641 in the high schools; 119 in the junior colleges and 8 in the university.

The "university," by the way, is the only one in all Latin America to offer both general and Jewish education on this level. This costly department, financed by the Jewish Bank in Mexico City, is maintained for a handful of students although there is no discrimination in the National Autonomous University of Mexico, which also has a Chair of Hebrew

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Defense Of Non-Zionists: They Do More

BY TRUDE WEISS-ROSMARIN

Some eight centuries ago a convert to Judaism inquired of Maimonides whether it was proper for him, an outsider, to use the words in the Hebrew prayer: "Our God and the God of our fathers, Who has separated us from the other nations and Who has brought us out of the Land of Egypt."

Maimonides replied that a proselyte was to all intents and purposes a Jew on an equal footing with one born of the faith. Said Maimonides to the convert, "Abraham is also your father; there is no difference between us and you." This ruling was merely an application of the injunction in the Bible, "There shall be only one statute for you and the proselyte alike."

The apologists of institutional Zionism, in their debate with Ben-Gurion, seem to ignore the basic attitude of Judaism. Moreover, they show little faith in the dynamics of the Zionist cause and the Zionist idea. While Ben-Gurion argues that a pro-Israeli Jew who helps Israel is no different from a Jew who calls himself a Zionist, the zealous partisans of established Zionism deny it and invent such non-existent differences as "one who loves Zion" and "one who is merely a friend" or other semantic absurdities.

Zionists who imply that the rise of Israel could not have deeply affected "non-Zionists," transforming them into positive "Israel-proud friends" and supporters of the young Jewish state, should also question the sincerity of Herzl, Nordau, Jabotinsky and many others who were completely estranged from Jewish life and were brought to Zionism by powerful Jewish experiences.

If the Dreyfus Affair could turn Herzl, the feuilletonist and witty citizen of the world, into the destiny-touched author of "The Jewish State" and arouse completely "assimilated" Western Jews to a full awareness of the Jewish situation, why could not the tragedy of the six million and the miracle of the birth of Israel affect American "assimilated" Jews to the extent where they are willing to help Israel survive and grow?

Over the past ten years non-Zionists have shown no less self-denying readiness for Israel than veteran Zionists who had propagated the idea of the Jewish State in the years and decades when the Jewish national hopes were decried as a delusion. This does not mean that the past and the loyalties born of the past do not matter. But while keeping yesterday's record, one must also be receptive to new challenges and their implications.

Our veteran Zionists have been most unreceptive to the implications and challenges of the rise of Israel. They have failed to understand that even the mere outward trappings of Jewish statehood — the Jewish flag fluttering at the UN and in Rockefeller Plaza; Israel's UN representatives' speeches being featured on the front pages — electrified and elated the average assimilated American Jew to the point where he proudly and enthusiastically identified himself with "the great Jewish adventure" in Israel. With the exception of the small membership of the American Council for Judaism, all American Jews are proud of Israel and are willing to *help* Israel.

American "veteran" Zionists feel slighted and snubbed by Israel because her leaders espouse the traditional Jewish attitude that yesterday's merits or demerits do not count in the light of today's conviction authenticated by deeds. This is neither "ingratitude" nor "opportunism"; it is the kind of realism which life demands and which Judaism has always attempted to foster. Indeed, Israel is the creation of the Zionist movement in the same sense that a child is the creation of his parents. But once the umbilical cord is severed, the child is on its own. From that moment on it must grow away from its mother or be doomed to frustrating and crippling dependence.

The complaints of the old Zionists, who accuse Israel of lack of gratitude and loyalty to her "tried and tested friends," remind one of the reproaches doting and over-protecting mothers raise against their sons when they cut loose from mother's apron strings.

American veteran Zionists are exceedingly "possessive parents." They feel that Israel, their creation and their child, should always "first come to them for help and advice." But grown children incline to seek counsel and help where they find it. Reminding children of the "sacrifices" one has made for them is not only ungraceful but also unwise. Such reminders invariably accomplish the opposite they are meant to achieve. They lead to further estrangement and resentment.

On May 14, 1948, the Jewish State, newly reborn, became the beacon and hope of the *entire* Jewish people. Now Israel belongs to *all* Jews. Who "made" Israel does not matter now. All that counts is — who is with Israel and who is not with her.

Golda Meir's contention that a Zionist membership card does not necessarily mean that its holder is doing more for Israel than a devoted "friend" of the new State, who does not belong to a Zionist group, is fully borne out by the facts. As far as cash is concerned, in the past ten years, non-Zionists have contributed more to Israel than Zionists.

This does not discredit the Zionists, for until the rise of Israel, the rich Jews rarely contributed sizable sums to the "Palestinian experiment," and only today, when the experimental stage is past and Israel is a full fledged state, do they recognize the legitimacy and urgency of Israel needs and claims.

There is no point in reproaching these non-Zionists for their lack of vision, and for "jumping so late on the successful bandwagon." The important thing is that Israel has convinced the non-Zionists. Veteran Zionists who do not encourage this trend or even interfere with it by belittling the non-Zionists, are harming the cause they labored to build.

There is no difference between non-Zionists, exerting themselves for Israel in the United Jewish Appeal, the Israel Bond Drive and kindred enterprises, and Zionists assuming the identical obligations within the identical organizational framework of the community-wide pro-Israel efforts. As a result, the masses of American Jews, and the Jewish masses elsewhere find it difficult, if not impossible, to differentiate between Zionists and non-Zionists, considering that the former are not committed to any special "Zionist" deeds, such as aliyah, greater devotion to Jewish education, or greater readiness to help build Israel by means of capital investments.

The Jewish homeland has ceased to be the special prerogative of Zionists and has captured the eager interest and the warm sympathy of practically all Jews. In view of this development, it is deplorable that so many Zionist leaders still persist in living in a make-believe world which was real yesterday, but has been supplanted by a new reality.

The old division between Zionists and non-Zionists has been rendered obsolete by common dedication to Israel's welfare. In Canada membership in the Zionist Organization is automatically conferred upon every contributor, above a certain sum, to the United Jewish Appeal, which allots to Israel causes the lion's share of its proceeds. It may well be that the commendable achievements of the Zionist Organization of Canada, especially in the field of education, are directly related to the fact that its leadership has risen to the new reality.

There are few Jewish organizations of national scope which do not sponsor special projects in Israel, in addition to their contributions to the community-wide pro-Israel efforts. One of the most interesting ideological odysseys of our times has been made by the National Council of Jewish Women. This group, which prior to the rise of Israel, concentrated all its resources on "Americanization" and kindred projects, now shoulders the entire budget of the Hebrew University School of Education.

Thanks to this little publicized "non-Zionist" group, the Hebrew University School of Education could expand its faculty, acquire a library of over 50,000 pedagogic volumes — the most complete collection in Israel — initiate courses in vocational and child guidance and audio-visual education, while supervising various social and educational projects and experiments.

As to the positive Jewish cultural orientation and the fostering of instruments for Jewish survival, there is no difference between Zionists and non-Zionists. The educational activities of American Zionist groups are no different from those which are being carried on under the aegis of so-called "non-Zionist" groups.

Respecting personal identification with Israel, there has not even been a slight trickle of an immigration of American Zionists to Israel! As far as capital investments in Israel are concerned American Zionists have, if anything, been more cautious and reluctant than non-Zionists.

Once upon a time, when European immigrants dominated American Zionism, there was indeed a difference. There were strong ideological convictions, sound Jewish knowledge, and firm Jewish national determination in the small but tightly knitted Zionist groups. But in time Zionism became a mass movement. From a few thousand, membership jumped to hundreds of thousands. One became a "Zionist" by signing a check. Membership chairmen were not interested in the Jewish or Zionist conviction of the prospective joiners.

I recall a neighbor of mine who one evening proudly showed me the special citation his Zionist District had given him for enrolling the largest number of members. "It was rather simple," he said. "All these men are business associates of mine. I contribute to their charities and they contribute to my organization. Do you think it matters that most of them are non-Jews? You see, I'm in a line where I have few Jewish contacts."

A perusal of the propaganda material used for ZOA membership campaigns does not indicate any great concern for ideological issues and convictions. Even the top leaders of the disgruntled "veteran Zionists" do not seem to be disturbed by ideological differences. The issue of the spiritual-intellectual relationship and interdependence of Israel and the American Diaspora appears to be of less concern to them than *who controls the American Jewish fund-raising machinery.*

It is difficult to vouch for loyalties, but one thing is certain, the non-Zionists who are working for Israel now are not "fair-weather friends," because the weather in Israel for the past ten years has not been fair. Still, in the throes of continued difficulties, the non-Zionists have stood by loyally.

The reality of Israel has wrought a complete revolution in Jewish life — and this revolution necessitates a complete re-evaluation. It is high time for Zionist groups to muster the mature intelligence required for recognizing that the distinction between Zionists and non-Zionists is no longer valid.

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Language and Culture, instituted and supported by Jewish funds.

It is estimated that over 80% of the Jewish child population attends the all-day schools. This constitutes the largest percentage of Jewish student enrollment in Jewish schools in the Diaspora. These figures are all the more striking by comparison with those recently released for New York City. During the school year 1953-54 only 28 per cent of school age Jewish children in the five boroughs attended Jewish schools of any kind whatever.

The ten *colegios* maintain a staff of 546 persons, 431 Mexicans and 115 Jews. Only three schools do not possess their own plants. The others are commodiously housed in their own modern and beautiful buildings. They have an adequate number of classrooms and additional facilities including laboratories, auditoriums, libraries, lunchrooms, clinics, and the like. The schools have spacious playgrounds and facilities for sports and recreation, and one even owns an excellent outdoor swimming pool. The total worth of the schools, including plants, equipment, and buses which transport the children to and from school is estimated to be eleven million pesos.

The Jewish schools in Mexico — notwithstanding their various shortcomings — succeed in instilling in the pupils a respect and a regard for Yiddish and Hebrew language and literature, a positive attitude towards Jewish values, customs and traditions, and a genuine sense of identification with the Jews the world over, as well as a feeling of warmth for the land of Israel. This conclusion is warranted by the findings of the above-mentioned survey conducted by this writer.

The small, dynamic community in Mexico of approximately 21,000 Jews, hailing from many lands and many cultures, displays stamina, resourcefulness, and courage. It has overcome many obstacles and disillusionments. Ignoring the forebodings of Jewish organizations and of individual experts who could foresee only failure for a Jewish settlement in the land of the Aztecs, it has prospered. This community, which in its formative years had to resort to outside aid, at present not only stands on its own feet but may also serve larger communities as a model of enterprise, economic adjustment, philanthropic endeavor, and cultural and educational achievement.

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